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Approach to Dominions for help in relief of Arab Refugees (August 1948 —

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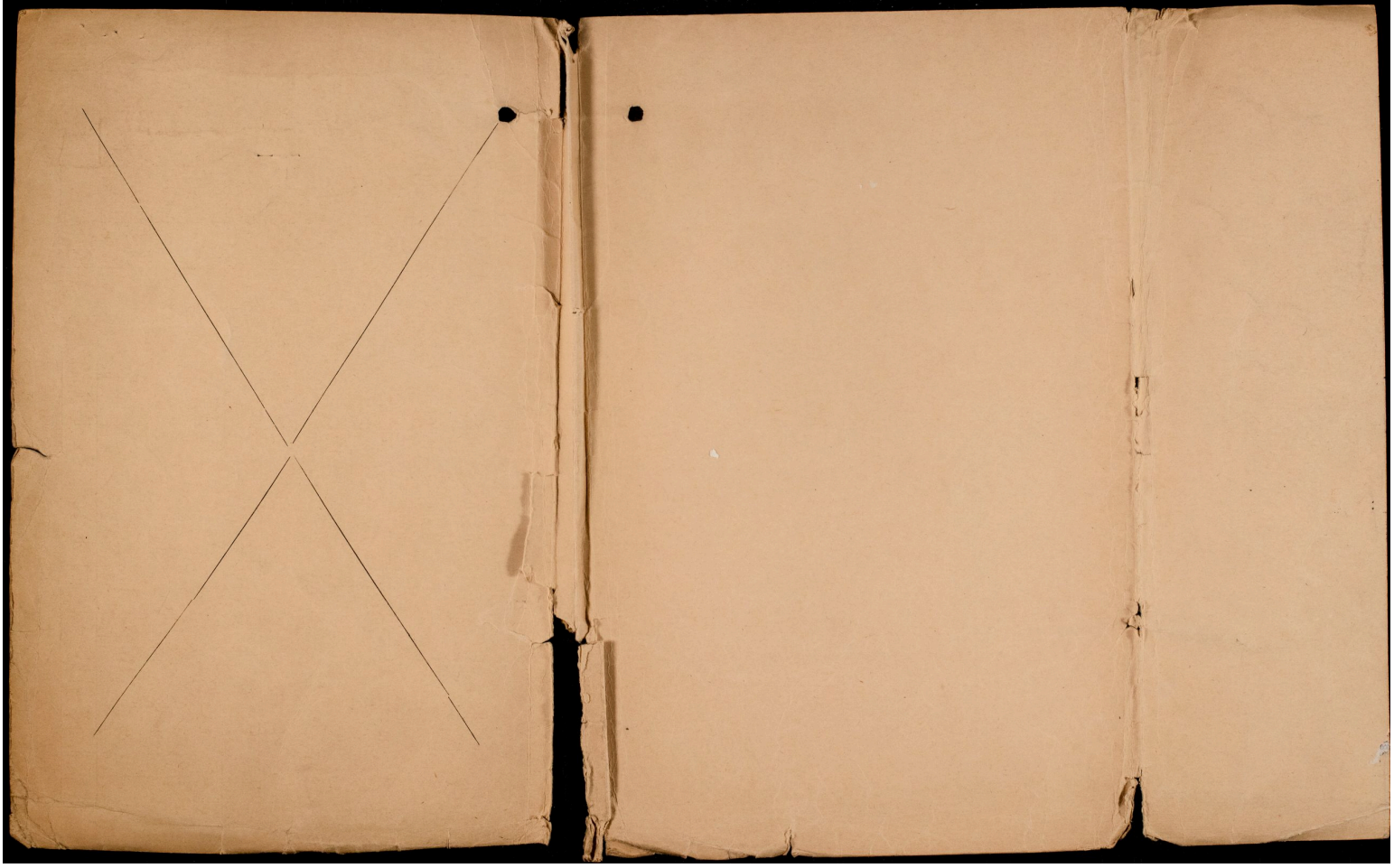

MR. CURSON.

Mr. Burrows (F.O.) rang up to say that the Foreign Secretary was anxious to sound Dominion Governments on the possibility of their providing assistance in the form of food or other materials for the Arab refugees in Palestine. I told him that, as far as I was concerned at least, we should be willing to make an informal enquiry on these lines through the United Kingdom High Commissioners in the Dominions, but that we must have some firm basis on which to make such an enquiry. He agreed, and promised to let me have a draft Y telegram setting out the position. I am now awaiting this draft.

O.F.S. 31.8

MR. SCOTT.

Thank you. We have discussed.

B.R.C.
31/8.

1. F.O. (Mr Burrows C/o Mr Scott) w/c. — 2.9.48.

Z Tel sent for despatch

O.F.S. 3.9 at m—

2. F.O — Tel 2260 fr New York — 2.9.48

3 To Rep Aust. — Tel Z 156 — 3.9.48

4 To Rep. Aust — Tel. No. 535 — 3.9.48

5 To F.O (Mr Burrows) w/cc (3) & (4) comps — 4.9.48

6 Rep. Australia — Tel. 582 — 6.9.48

7 Rep. N. Zealand — Tel. 396 — 8.9.48

Printing instructions at foot of (3) & (4)

8 To F.O (Mr Burrows) — w/cc (6) & (7) comps. 8.9.48

9 Rep South Africa — Tel 324 — 13.9.48

10. To F.O (Mr Burrows) - w/c (9) Comps — 14.9.48

Mr. Baney. Pl. note Printing instructions on cover

O.F.S. 14.9 at m—

11 Lo 7 Dom Govts – Copy of Lee H236 Law – 16.9.48
(Original on F.2781/244)

B.V. in a week / 24/9 to consider printing

[illegible] 17.9 at am

Three drafts teh sent for despatch

(See Mr. Walker's minute of 30.9 at -(244)

Cleared d/o at [illegible]

12 Lo Rep Canada – Lee 954 — 1.10.48

13 Lo Rep New Zealand Lee 3600 — 1.10.48

14 Lo Rep Aust – Lee 581 } — 1.10.48.
Rep FA. – Lee 349 }

15. Lo F.O (via Burma) w c c (12)(13)+(14) — 2.10.48

Put by [illegible] 6.10 at am

Mr. Barney

Please arrange for printing H. See cover
8/10

[illegible] 6.10

16 Rep NZ — Lee 444 — 7.10.48

17. Lo F.O (via Burma) w c (16) Compo — 7.10.48

Mr Barney

(16) for printing. pl.

[illegible] 9.10

T.D.R

Please hand up a copy of (16)
9/10

Copy (16) sent to PD 11/10 amb

18. Rep South Africa — Tel 359. — 9.10.48

19. F.O (Mr Barrows) w c (18) Comps 11.10.48

B.U. in ~~a~~ week, ~~a~~ on receipt of other replies, to consider as to printing, etc.

Bark. 12.10 at —

(See Mr. Walker's minute of 14.10 at -/244)

19A Paris (UK Del) — 10 C (Paris) 48 (55) — 12.10.48
(copy on -/244)

20 Rep Canada — Tel 915 — 14.10.48
(Copy on -/244)

21. F.O (Mr Barrows Thurs Waterlow) — w c (20) Comps 15.10.48

74 C.

Despatch Section

(19A) to 7 HCs by 7 (LF) Despatch

(See Mr. Walker's minute of 18.10 at -/244)

(7 cc. herewith) Bark. 18.10 at —

22 To: 7 U.K. Reps — Desp. Circ. T. 74. Conf. (LFF) w/c as each 19A. — 19.10.48.

Put Bark. 19.10 at —

23 F.O. — Encloses copy of letter sent to Commonwealth Prime Ministers — 20/10/48.

(See Mr. Scott's minute of 20.10 at -/244)

24. To Mr Belcher (UK Del Paris) — S/o w 6 cc of encl to 23. 21/10/48

Put by Bark. 21.10 at —

25. F.O — Comps ship with enclosures — 21.10.48

26 To Mr Belcher (UK Del Paris) — S/o we are to (25) 22/10/48

27. F.O. —— Tel 276 to Paris (UK Del) —— 23/10/48
28 UK Del Paris — I.O.C. (Paris)(48) 111(79) —— 23/10/48
29 F.O. —— Tel 220 Imm Paris (UK Del) —— 23/10/48

MR. ARCHER.

ARAB REFUGEES.

1. We have been in touch with Commonwealth Governments on the question of Arab refugees, both by telegram and also by way of meetings in Paris between Commonwealth Delegations. The question of assistance to Arab refugees is one on which the Foreign Secretary feels very strongly, as can be seen from the attached copy of a Foreign Office telegram, No.276 to the Delegation in Paris.

Encl (27)

2. In order to bring home the importance of this subject to the Commonwealth Governments, Mr. Bevin has written personally to Commonwealth Prime Ministers or their representatives at the Prime Ministers' meeting on 16th and 20th October (see 23, 24 and 25). We were not consulted over the terms of these letters, although at the time of the writing of the first letter, we were informed indirectly that Mr. Bevin was understood to be writing the letter; we were only sent copies of the letters subsequently at our request.

3. In his letter of 20th October, Mr. Bevin quotes the Australian representative as having undertaken a definite commitment with regard to the allocation of a certain proportion of the Children's Fund. The use of the Children's Fund is a matter on which the Australian Government feel very strongly; they have contributed very generously to the Fund and are, consequently, concerned as to the use to which this money is put, and as to their having a proper share in the decision on such a question. The Australian representative affirms that any statement he made on this subject was only a personal expression of opinion and could not in any way be taken as a definite commitment, and it was thus extremely

embarrassing

embarrassing for him to find himself quoted to Dr. Evatt as having given a definite undertaking in this matter. The result of all this has been that Mr. Curson has been put in a rather embarrassing position and it obviously does not make for a good liaison between the Commonwealth Delegations in Paris. I suggest, therefore, that we should bring this question to the attention of the Foreign Office; it is a matter which is just as much in their own best interests as in ours.

? The Private Secretary might write as in draft attached.

CWS

23/10/48.

MR. ARCHER.

With reference to my minute above; I have now spoken to Mr. Curson and he tells me that the statement by the Australian representative on the question of the use of the Children's Fund was, in fact, not made during the course of the Commonwealth meeting but in a private conversation with a Foreign Office member of the U.K. Delegation. If anything, this seems to make it even more unreasonable that such a remark should be used in the context in which it has been put in the Foreign Secretary's letter, and there would thus seem all the more reason for our writing to the F.O. on this. I have amended the attached draft to bring it into line with this later information.

CWS

25/10/48.

30. To 4 Dom Reps – Desp Circ Y.76(AFF) Comps. w i c to each of I.D.C.(Paris)(48)111(79) 25/10/48. (one @ (28))

31. Note 'A' quoted in Mr Archer's following minute of 1/11/48

32. F.O. —— Comp Slip encl S/o letter to Mr Bevin fr Cavendish Bentinck (Mr St Laurent) dated 19/10/48 } 29/10/48

33. F.O —— Tel 250 from Paris (UK Del) – 29.10.48

34. Telephone message from Mr Belcher (UK Del Paris) rec'd on 31/10/48

Private Secretary

Could you ask the Private Secretary, Foreign Office, if we could see in draft any letter which Mr. Bevin may send to Mr. Fraser in accordance with the suggestion in paragraph 4 of telegram No. 250 (herewith) from the United Kingdom Delegation in Paris.

In so doing, you ~~might~~ would perhaps mention the difficulty described in the note A below which arose in connection with Mr. Bevin's earlier letters to Commonwealth Prime Ministers, etc., about Eire refugees.

see ante (31.)

NEA

1st November, 1948.

The F.O. when I spoke to them thought the letter had already gone. They understood in that case to send a copy.

FJB 5/11

35. F.O —— Tel 298 from UK Del Paris — 4.11.48

36 Rep Australia — Desp 210 —— 26.10.48
w. cut of Press Statement

37. To F.O (Mr Burrows) S/O we enc to (36) — 5.11.48

Mrs. Llewellyn-Davies took up the question of our seeing Mr. Bevin's letter to Mr. Fraser. The F.O. Private Secretary to whom she spoke was not sure whether it had issued, but undertook to send us the text in whatever form it now is.

B.U. on 10.11 . 8.11 at —

38 Rep South Africa — Desp 277. —— 3/11/48.
with Press Extract

39. F.O. — Comps with encls
(a) Mr Bevin to Mr Fraser. d 4/11
(b) " " to Mr E. H. Jones d 4/11
— 5/11/48

Mr Scott.
You required this BV today
10/11

40. F.O — Comps with encl.
S/o letter to P.S. from PM. India dated 29/10/48 — 11/11/48

41 TONZ to Auckland with Enclosures
15/11/48

Items 1 to 1265.

Registry

Please transfer (41) to 1265 & put by. Recipe there pp

D.N.S. 16.11

Despatch Section

Four letters for despatch

D.N.S. 19.11

42 To Cdn - J K Bates / - asst - H G M Bass — with Enclosures S/O 19/11/48

43 To Karachi - R R Burnett
44 To new Delhi - J S H Shattock
— with Enclosure S/O 19/11/48

45 Rep Canada — Tel 1002 — 17/11/48

46 To F.O (re Brussels Thirs Waterlow) WC (45) Comps. 18/4/48

Transfer 1244 47 F.O — E 14147/10748/31 — 8/12
Comps. w/encl.

48 To NZ re Sweden w/c Enclosed 47
4/1/49

Mr Martin
? Put by Please Auth 6/1/49

49 To:- Capetown - J.R.A. Battersby Esq.
W/(4) encls - S/o - 18/2/49.
Put by VCM 21/2 at once.

July 27, 29, 32, 33
35 (45)

50 Rep Canada — Tel 236 — 25.2.49.

51 To F.O (Mr Burrows Miss Waterlow) Comps w.c(50) — 27.2.49

52 Rep Canada — Disp 68 w encl — 26/2/49.
Put by VCM 26/5 at once.

53 NZ for Ireland in London — letter — 11/6/49.

Trans to O 2200/74

Mr Dawnie

We spoke. You agreed that this properly came within your sphere.

Mr. Gantley. P.S. 13/6.

I have removed (53) which we are dealing with. It will be registered on a new file in this Dept. on your Registry, if they wish, will be able to ascertain the number from ours in due course.

(1) on 02200/14

P.S. 14/6.

1. Roll to note.
2. Put by.

P.S. 15/6 at once

E.b

5H F.O. — Comps E8807/1821/31 — 16/9/49
N/Encl.

(1) Mr Clapham Mr Pennells
(2) Mr. Davies

Please see (5H). I imagine that we are unlikely to want people of this sort. On the other hand it is possible that CW Govts might be able to use some of these refugees & it might be worth circulating the list to H Cs' Offices in London

D.S. 21.9

Speaking for Establishment Dept (Overseas) I should say that there is not the slightest likelihood that posts can be found for any of the refugees on the list in any of the U.K. High Commissioners' Offices in Commonwealth Countries. Whether the Commonwealth Govts could make use of the services of any of them I cannot say and before the list is circulated to their High Commissioners' Offices in London, I think it would be as well to be quite sure that there is no political or other objection to this being done.

H.E.D. 23/9.

It is, I understand, contrary to our policy to employ persons of this kind in the C.R.O. I should not expect any of the Commonwealth High Commissioners ~~except~~ Pakistan's to be prepared to employ these ~~four~~ refugees. The H. Crs for India and South Africa might well resent being asked. It might be best for the Embassy in Cairo to approach the Pakistani representative there.

H.E. Davies
23.9.

Mrs. Cumming-Bruce

In view of the reactions from the Establishment Depts above I am inclined to think that there is little we can do directly to provide employment for these refugees. It might, however, be worth while to circulate our High Cs. posts overseas to say that a list exists in London

in London. [illegible] I have drafted
accordingly. hfw.
(Draft revised after discussion with Mr. Cheyney. Bruce
Despatch D.R.S. 30.9 D.R.S. 11.10)

Letters & cuch for despatch hfw

D.R.S. 14.10 at ——

55 To 6 H/Cs MC Enclosure (54) 14/10/49

56 N-Zealand Hse — s/o. ackn. of (55) — 18/10

57 Canada Hse — s/o ackn. of (55) — 19/10

58 Australia Hse — s/o ackn. of (55) — 19/10

Put by as on letters

Eds
20/10

59 India House — Ack — 22/10.

60. Pakistan Hse — Ack — 25/10.

Eds Put by as on letters
MK 10/11

61 Canada Hse — s/o — 11/11.

Eds Put by D.R.S. 14.11 at ——

62 N. Zealand Hse — s/o — 18/11.

Eds Put by D.R.S. 22.11 at ——

63 Pakistan H.C. Rdm. s/o. (G 18.3.9) 6/7/50

C.D. MWG. R D - 8 JUL 11/7

CD

Cc of (58), (61), (62), (63) to F.D. (Mr. T.E. Evans, OBE) w comps ref. (54) D.R.S. 8.7 at ——

64 To F.O. (Mr. T. E. Evans). ——
Copy of (58), (61), (62) & (63),
w/ CRO 3a. —— 11. 7. 50.
Put by as instructed gls 12/7.

65 F.O (Miss Waterlow) —— s/o w/encl. —— 21/9
Rec 24/11

66 To Mr. S.F. Rae.
Mr. D.J. Billington.
Mr. B.b Zohrab.
Mr T. Hewitson.
Mr. P. Hakesar.
Mr. R. Moore.
} s/o w/encl. — 27/1/51.

67 To F.O. (Miss C. Waterlow) — copy of (66), as to all. w/ comps. — 29/1/51.

68. F.O. Camps EE 1824/1 w/ 4 encl's —— 24/1/51
68A F.O. Camps EE 1824/1 w/ 8 encl's to 4 Phns + S. Rhod —— 24/1/51
Put by 29/1

69 Australia Hse —— s/o —— 29/1
Put by as on (69)
30/1

70. India Office — s/o fr. P. Haksar — 30/1/51

71. Aust. Hse — s/o fr. M. G. W. Legge — 31/1

72. To F.O (Miss Waterlow) — w/c (71) C.R.O. 3a — 2/2

Policy as on (71)

Encls

3/2

Mr Ormerod,

The letters at (68) and (68A) flagged A & B respectively were despatched immediately after the Prime Ministers' Conference. The C.R.O. was not consulted about them. This direct approach to C.W. Governments by the Foreign Secretary for money contributions to Arab Relief Fund has precedent (see 25 flagged C). This previous approach without consultation with C.R.O. caused a misunderstanding with the Australians (see (31) flagged D), but I cannot find evidence that we subsequently remonstrated with the F.O. about it. The letters (68) and (68A) do not seem likely to cause any difficulty but as a matter of principle, I think the F.O. should be asked to consult us before making such direct approaches.

[signature]
12/2.

Mr. Cockram

(68) flag A
(68A) flag B

Please see the copies of the Foreign Secretary's letters to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers who attended the recent Conference. The objection to the previous correspondence to which Mr. Wimble refers above was that it crossed some wires and embarrassed relations with the Australian Delegation to the Paris meeting of the United Nations Assembly. There is no similar embarrassment this time, though we have in fact asked our High Commissioner in Colombo to make an approach to the Ceylon Government.

I/

I suggest we send copies of (68) and (68a) to the appropriate United Kingdom High Commissioners, for information.

~~Incidentally on point of detail, the Registry entries on (68) and (68a), while perfectly consistent with the system references appear to be reductio ad absurdum from that system~~

Rus

14th February, 1951.

Mr Ormerod,

Mr Cockram, in conversation, raised the question of the effectiveness of Mr Bevin's 1948 appeals to C.W. P.M.s for contributions towards Arab Relief.

Canada replied promptly (see 32 flagged F) that the appeal would be considered

New Zealand was persuaded to support UN. resolution making available money for Arab relief ~~money~~ funds which had originally been allocated to UNICEF. (see (33) para 4 flagged B)

South Africa despatched £ 7000 worth of tinned fish for Arab relief on receipt of letters (see (49) flagged J)

India replied quoting its own refugee problem but sending a token contribution. (see (40) flagged C).

There is no record of Pakistan, Ceylon or Rhodesia having been influenced by ~~to~~ Mr Bevin's letters.

The only reply ~~that~~ to the appeal arising out out of the C.W. P.M.s meeting (see (6P) & (6PA)) has been from Canada, a copy of which has been promised us by Mr Evans (M.E. Secretariat F.O.). Mr Evans described the reply as 'rather unsatisfactory', being only a polite acknowledgement.

Since neither of these appeals can be considered as having had very satisfactory results, I think we have a strong case for at least being consulted before any further appeals are made.

15/2.

73 To & U.K. Reps - Desp. Circ. W. No. 15 w/cc appropriate letters to each at 68A and to Aust. copy of 68 also. } Conf: 2. 3. 1951.

74 F.O — Comps EE 1824/8 w/encl for P.M. India — 27 12/2.

75 Canada Hse — s/o Letter — 22/2

76 Aust Hse — s/o Letter — 28/2

77 S. Africa Hse — s/o PS 16/1/1 — 8/3

Mr King,

The Foreign Secretary wrote to Sir Godfrey Huggins recently appealing for a contribution towards Arab Relief (see 68A flagged A). His reply and the F.O. draft 'Thankyou' letter are on the top of this file. Is it correct that the U.K. should inform the U.N. of this offer the offered contribution? (not the S. Rhod Govt)

G Wimble
W. & U.N. 12/3.

Mr Wimble

Yes. S. Rhodesia is not, of course, represented on U.N. bodies and, though I suppose in cases of this kind Sir Godfrey Huggins might possibly write direct, it is in fact our job to conduct for them S. Rhodesia's relations with U.N. etc.

JK 12/3

Mr Allen,

Please see my minute at (72) of 15/2. Replies have now been received from Mr Nehru & Sir G. Huggins. Mr Nehru's polite refusal to contribute is at (74) flagged A; ~~a copy~~ Sir G. Huggins offered £7000 (a copy of his letter & F.O. reply has been promised us by Miss C. Waterlow). A full list of contributing countries & their contributions is at (166) on F2781/285 flagged L.

J.H. Smith
13/3.

Mr Cockram

FO have submitted, on their own file!, a draft letter for Mr Morrison to Sir G. Huggins, to thank for a generous response of S. Rhodesia to Mr Bevin's appeal to Cwealth PMs on behalf of Palestine refugees. This is, incidentally, the most generous of all the Dominion Govts' responses, so far. He has ~~sent~~ promised to contribute exactly what Mr Bevin asked for (see 68A).

? draft may be approved.

(paper should go to Mr Whittle after action)

WP 13/3

RE 15/3

Mr Allen,

Draft answer to (77) is opposite. Miss Waterlow (F.O.) informed me on the telephone that these students were not British nationals.

JHS 21/3

To. S. African Hse ——— T. Idemitsou

S/O.

30.3.51

79 To F.O (Miss Waterlow) — c of (77) w/comps — 12/3/51

80 HC. Ceylon — Tel 218 ans — 5/3

81 To F.O — copies of (80) — 12/3
Mrs Cope ✓

82 F.O — comps EE 1824/15 — 15/3
w/encl

83 F.O — comps EE 1824/14 — 21/3
w/encl — S. Rhod. contribution

84 F.O — comps EE 1824/17 — 22/3
w/encl

These papers have been seen by Mr Wimble and I was told to await return of file
RLN 21/3

C.O. R D 2 APR 4"

Send copy of (82) to Rep Colombo under ref (80)
— — (83) with encls — Salisbury — (73)
— — (84) — Ottawa — (73)

MF 2/4 ctr

85 To: Rep. Ceylon — Desp. No. 80 (LF) w/cc encl. to (82)
Rep. S. Rhodesia — Desp. No. 13 (LF) w/cc encl. to (83)
Rep. Canada — Desp. No. 98 (D.O. 18) w/cc encl. to 84
} Conf:
5. 4. 1951

86 F.O — s/o — (General Kennedy) — 2/4

21) Have we ltr about X?
MF 9/4

Mr Williams (FO) is trying to find pp. Germ in a week — WMG 11/4. like now found.

Mr Pitchard

dlvd. for consn WMG 12/4

87 To F.O (Mr Hooper) —— S/O —————— 13/4/51

X | B/4 on 1/6 for possible action on (87)

JLW 16/4.

Send copy of (74) to rep. India ref (73).

Despatch Section

Action as above please.

E.O. R217 16/4

88 To Rep India – Desp No 134 (LF)
w/ee of (74) ———— 17.4.51

Action as at X at (87)

JLW 17/4.

E/O

89 H.C. India (London) —— S/O ———— 20/4
Ext. 67.1.5/51

Mr Onraet,

I have drafted a letter of acknowledgement to (89) as you suggested.

JLW 23/4

Rec 23/4 -

90 To. India Hse —— R. A. Jones Esq.
S/O
24.4.51

91 To. Foreign Office —— Miss Waterloo
w/encls Comps
24.4.51

Mr. Cockram

You suggested that the Foreign Office might be asked to submit to the C.R.O. in draft any further begging letters which they might wish to address to the Commonwealth Governments. I am afraid the execution of this has been held up by other work for some time, but a draft letter to the F.O. is now submitted on this file.

(Sd.) R.H.WIMBLE
1.5.

Mr. Pritchard

You will remember that in 1948 and earlier this year Mr. Bevin wrote to Commonwealth Prime Ministers urging them to contribute to the U.N. Relief Fund for Palestine Arabs. In 1948 his appeal resulted in a gift of £7,000 of tinned fish (presumably 'snoek') from the Union. This year Southern Rhodesia contributed £7,000. On neither occasion was the C.R.O. consulted about the despatch of Mr. Bevin's letters (see (31) and minutes on (72)), and the results indicate that such letters are not effective in securing contributions to U.N. appeals. It is therefore for consideration whether we should not take the opportunity of the appointment of a new Foreign Secretary to make it clear to the F.O. that the C.R.O. will expect, in future, to be consulted before the F.O. write to Commonwealth Government asking for contributions. It should be remembered in this connection that Mr. Bevin took a personal interest in the appeals for the Palestine Arabs for whom he felt a certain personal responsibility.

I have tried to draft a letter which would indicate the C.R.O. view without causing difficulty with the F.O.

RL. 3/5

I started to consider the draft letter in

detail; but on reflection I think that we should not, at this stage, take this matter up with the F.O. in writing. We might have said something at once when the latest approach came to our notice but it is a bit late now. On the particular question of the Arab refugees it may well be that the question of a personal approach by the Foreign Sec. will not arise again.

put by 4/5 above

92 F.O —— Comps. EE. 1824/14 —— 30/4
(w/encl.)

F.O have not sent copy of this to SR; it was addressed "Acting Executive Assistant to the Secretary General" we can hardly do so either. d.h.

93 To. Salisbury Rhodesia —— H. Smedley Esq. S/O 9.5.51

94 To. Foreign Office —— Miss C. Waterlow W/C of 93 Comps 9.5.51

95 FO — S/o AC 122 fr UNRWA Beirut — 27/4

96 To FO TE Evans Esq — S/o — 17/5

97 Extract fr Tel 10 Saw fr HC S Rhod. — 3/5

98 Repr S. Rhod — S/o F 1/2 — 7/5

99 FO — Comps EE 1824/23 w/encl
fr Ottawa d/d 13/4 — 16/5

Copy of (98) to go to T.E. Evans Esq (F.O.).
B/u in 3 days

Despatch Please send copy of 98 to
TE Evans Esq. FO. as per Mr Wimble's minute

RLN 17/5

100 To F.O. (Mr. T.E. Evans.) —
Dup: of (98), M/CRO. 3a. — 18/5/51.

101 S. Africa Hse — S/o PS 16/1/1 — 16/5

B/u in a week 26/5
19/5.

102 New Zealand Govt offices — S/o A 18/112 — 21/5

Mr Allen,
Please see (102). I have drafted a letter to Miss Waterlow who deals with this, enclosing some previous correspondence. 23/5

103 To. F.O.
M.E. Secretariat — Miss Waterlow
w/encls of cc 102, 75, 76, 101
S/O
25.5.61

104 To. M.Z. Hee — H.S. McEwan Esqr.
S/O
25.5.61

Put by. file

Mr Evans (F.O., M.E. Secretariat) is sending copies of correspondence with Canada House in connection with (99)

26/5.

105 FO — Comps w/encl ccs of corresp. with Canada House — 29/5

Mr Allen,

You will remember that the Mr Evans (F.O., M.E Secretariat) suggested that the Canadians might be ~~pro~~ recommended to raise the subject of contributions to Arab Relief at Defence Ministers Conference in June. The Defence Dept were not in favour of the idea and the recommendation was not made. You may care to see the correspondence at (99) and (105); the recommendation was to have been inserted in Evans letter to Rae at (105).

30/5.

30/5

Brought up as per Mr Wimbles minute of 16/4 for possible action on (87)

Put by. file 1/6.

106 FO — Compo EE 1824/28 w/encl — 5/6
No ME/3/4/51 fr Karachi

C.D. 7 12 Jun.

(1) Copying Dept
(2) Despatch.

Copy of (106) Encl to Karachi H.C. ~~Telegram~~ ref (73)

HWJ 7/6.

13 JUN 1951

104 to H.C. Pakistan — Desp 152 (LF) —
w/3cc of (106) Encl.

Mr Peterson

You will be interested see (107). Replies from Australia, New Zealand & S. Africa have not yet been rec'd.

No word from the F.O. about (97) yet.

HWJ 14/6.

Mr Cockram

You may like to see this letter from Mr Liaquat Ali Khan to the Foreign Secretary (in connection with Mr Bevin's abbeal for funds for Arab refugees), with something of a sting in its tail. This sort of reply may well discourage the Foreign Office from making personal appeals without consulting us (your minute of 3rd May above)

WJ 14/6

Mr Bullard

I agree. It is a pity that Mr Liaquat Ali Khan was given the opportunity to write a letter of this sort

Yes! RLL 15/6

15/6

HWJ

Gb was put up over 18/6 and

108. F.O — comps w/encl E 1742/17 — 18/6.

Eb part of mr 20/6

109. Extract — "Times" — 22/6.

part of mr 22/6

Eb

110 Ref N. Zealand — Tel 529 Pressa — 5/7

111 DII
To FO. Mr T E Evans — copy of (110) — 5/7

112 S. Rhod Hse — s/o — 5/7

Put by HW 16/7.

113 To Rhodesia Hse — 17/7

114 Repn. Canberra — Despt. 163 — 8/7
(by Sarnett) (w/encl.)

R.207.
(1) copy of Encl to (114) to go to T.E. Evans (F.O.)
(2) Recirc with Arab refugee file containing list of contributions for 1949/50.

HW 17/7.

F 2781/285

115 F.O — s/o. E 1742/21 — 12/7

Despatch Section

Action as in my Wireless minute (1) above.

Eb 17/7

116 To:- F/O — T.E. Evans Esq
W/e encl to (114) Campo
(confidential) 17/7/51

See (115) please

Mr Wyndham.

File mentioned in your minute (2) of 17/7 is already in circulation to you.

A Evans.

Mr Hewlett

The letter from Rhodesia House enclosing the cheque for £7000 is at (112).

Since speaking to you this afternoon, I rang up T.E. Evans in the Foreign Office (Middle East Secretariat) to ask him who in the F.O. should get this cheque. He suggested that C.R.O. should send the cheque direct to the bank which acts as Agent for in London for the U.N. Arab Relief Fund, but that to confirm that this was appropriate, he would write to the bank and let me know the outcome. I suggest therefore that you hold on to the cheque until you hear from me again.

HLW 19/7.

Mr. Wright

Noted. I will hold the cheque for a little while longer.

27/7 HLW 19/7

B/u in a week to enquire from T.E. Evans

EJO HLW 20/7

B/u 30/7 HLW 27/7

EJ.

Brought up as per your note of 30/7

AEvans. 2/8

117 F.O _____ Compo EE 1824/89 w/end ____ 31/7

EJO Putby HLW 2/8.

118. F.O. ——— S/O E1061/1 w/encl fr B.M.E.O. (Cairo) ——— 9/8.

Mr Rewlett

F.O. have had no reply yet to their letter to Beirut asking for instructions on what to do with the £7000 cheque from S. Rhodesian Govt. They have now agreed to dispose of it in the same way as they do their own financial contributions to Arab Relief. Would you therefore send the cheque to Miss C. Waterlow, Middle East Secretariat, F.O., who has agreed to ~~draw~~ this.

H. Winkle. 14/8.

Mr. Winkle
Mr. ~~Rewlett~~

The cheque for £7,000 ✓ has been sent today to Miss Waterlow.

✓ endorsed in favour of the Foreign Office

[illegible]
Cashier
15.8.51

15/8

Mr Swinnerton

Pl. see (118) which summarises recent moves in Cairo to get Australians to take M.E. students for university (type) training in agriculture. Have you any views on this subject? We certainly have none in this dept.

H. Winkle 15/8.

As General Dept has no responsibility for students from M.E. who might go to Australia, we are not in a position to express any views on (118). Any financial responsibility which the B.C. might accept would presumably come from the F.O Information Vote and not that of the C.R.O. ? Mr Terry should see

[illegible] 15/8

Mr Terry

Have you any views on (118)?

Flewimble
16/8.

Mr. Wright

As Mr Summerton suggests this is really a Foreign Office matter and any assistance given by the British Council would fall on F.O. funds.

In view of the cuts in the Council's grant this year one would hardly expect them to be in a position to take on any additional commitments.

E.J.T.
16.8.81

119 To F.O. — Miss C.E. Waterlow — S/O ——— 20/8.

Pubty Flew 21/8.

Pre-dating 118. Eds

120. F.O — Tel 499 to Beirut ——— 4/9.

Pubty Jmr 5/9

Ref

121. F.O — S/O EE 1824/40 w/encl ——— 24/9.

Mr Heiblett

Jan may like to take one of these receipts (duplicate cds, I think). We will send the top cds to Salisbury, to be given to SR Australia

Mrs 28/9

Seen. It will be best for the duplicate receipt to be retained on the file, I think.

Mrs 28/9

On second thoughts, we had better send receipt to SR House. dcb. Mrs 29/9

122 To. Rhod. Htge ——— Finance Office
w/c of encls 16 121
2/10/51.

Eb put thro 3/10

~~Closed — continued as WES 131/141~~

~~with 18/c.~~

123. Extract from Official Report of 4/2/52.

124. Extract - - - - 14/3/52.

125. Extract - - - - 14/4/52

Eb put thro 18/7

EXTRACT FROM OFFICIAL 2782/285

REPORT OF 7 APR 1952

COLUMNS 2292-2293.

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UNITED NATIONS

Arab Refugees (Relief and Works Agency Programme)

49. **Mr. Thomas Reid** asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what Governments are contributing to the proposed fund in aid of Arab refugees.

Mr. Eden: Over 30 Governments have made or offered contributions, amounting in all to 67 million dollars towards the total required for the first year of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's 250 million dollar three-year programme. Her Majesty's Government, in offering the equivalent of 12.4 million dollars, are the second largest contributors. Since the list is a long one, I will, with the hon. Gentleman's permission, circulate it in the OFFICIAL REPORT.

Mr. Reid: Can the right hon. Gentleman say whether all the States that voted for the partition of Palestine contributed to this fund or promised to do so?

Mr. Eden: I could not say without notice. There is a very long list—I should say of about 20 States or more.

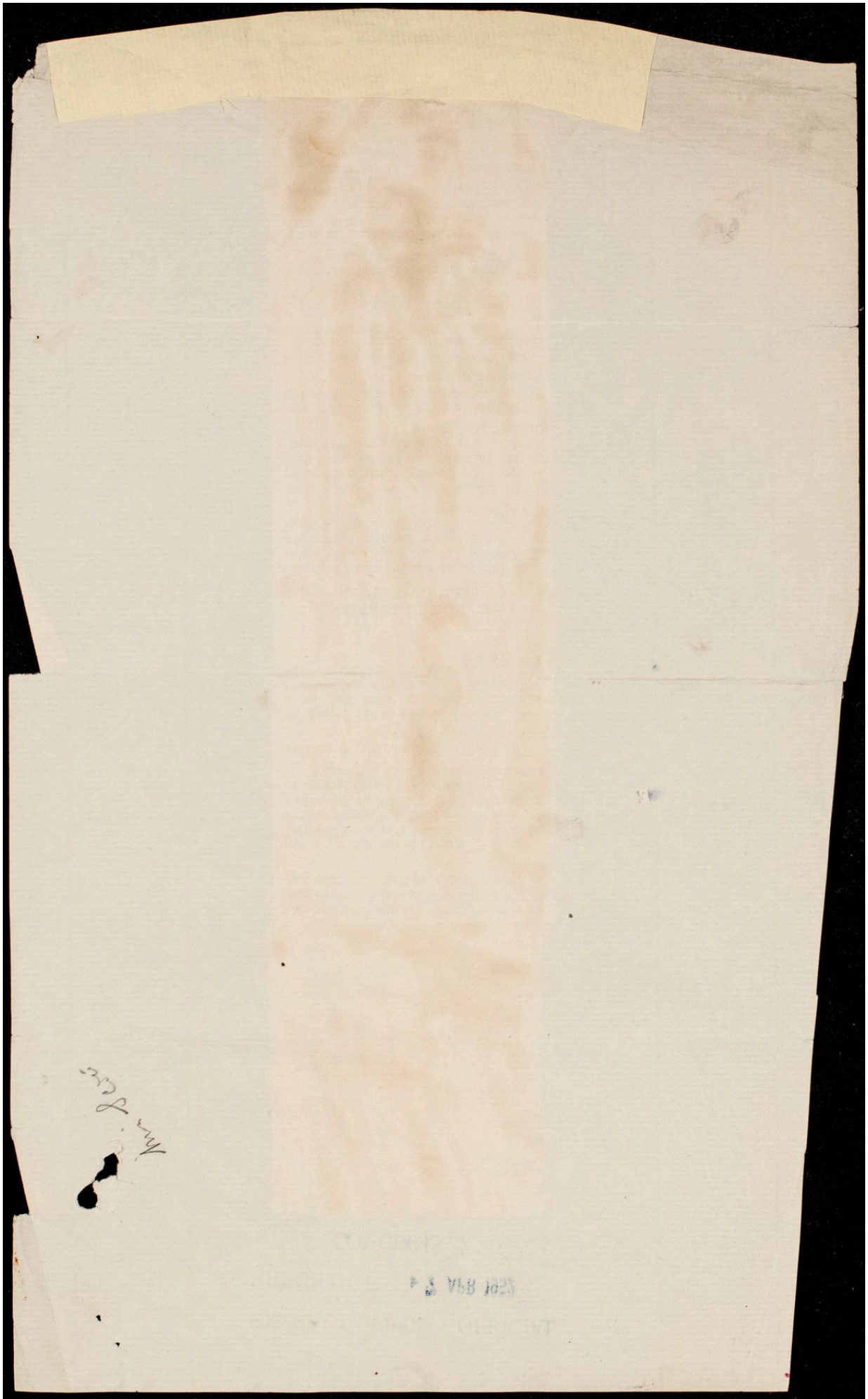
Colonel Alan Gomme-Duncan: Can my right hon. Friend say whether that list includes the State of Israel?

Mr. Eden: Yes it does—57,500 dollars. In addition, in the conversations I have had with the Foreign Secretary of Israel, it has been agreed that they will take steps to deal with the Arab refugee problem within their own borders, which is quite a serious one. It will help us very much if they do that.

Following is the list:

According to our latest information, the following Governments are contributing to the programme, for July, 1951, to June, 1952:

	In terms of dollars
Australia	350,000
Bahrain	21,000
Belgium	30,000
Bolivia	5,000
Denmark	43,500
Egypt	391,000
El Salvador	500
France	2,571,400
Greece	56,000
Honduras	2,500
Indonesia	30,000
Israel	57,500
Jordan	168,000
Kuwait	31,500
Lebanon...	33,000
Luxembourg	2,000
Mexico	115,600
Netherlands	25,000
New Zealand	210,000
Norway	14,000
Pakistan	90,000
Philippines	10,000
Qatar	21,000
Saudi Arabia	115,000
Southern Rhodesia	19,500
Sudan	144,000
Sweden	20,000
Syria	60,000
United Kingdom	12,400,000
United States	50,000,000
Venezuela	20,000
Viet Nam	5,000
Yemen	(Large quantity of cereals)
Yugoslavia	45,000
	67,107,100



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REPORT OF 17th March. 1952.

COLUMNS 176

ARAB REFUGEES
(U.N. RELIEF)

49. **Mr. Sorensen** asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what further information he has from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency on action taken to resettle Arab refugees.

Mr. Eden: Following on the United Nations General Assembly approving the Agency's $250 million programme of relief and resettlement, the Director of the Agency has been in negotiation with the Jordan and Syrian Governments. He has submitted programmes to the Governments of Syria and Jordan and these are now under consideration.

The programme for Jordan includes short-term projects for irrigation works, rural and urban housing (the latter for refugees with jobs but no homes) and industrial development; it also includes provision for surveys and training for larger and longer term projects. A geophysical survey of suitable areas of the Sinai Peninsula, where the Egyptian Government have agreed to the settlement of 50,000 refugees if satisfactory water supplies can be found, has now been completed, and test boring is in progress on the most likely sites.

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REPORT OF 14th February, 1952.
COLUMNS 70-71

ARAB REFUGEES (RELIEF)

50. **Wing Commander Bullus** asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the extent of the financial help so far given by His Majesty's Government towards the settlement of the Arab refugees; and if he will make a statement as to international help.

Mr. Eden: His Majesty's Government have so far contributed approximately £7,766,000 to the relief and resettlement of Arab refugees from Palestine. This amount includes the contribution offered for the 1951-52 programme of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. In addition, His Majesty's Government, in 1949, made an interest-free loan of £1 million to the Jordan Government for economic development and the resettlement of refugees, and they propose to make a further interest-free loan of £1,500,000 to the same Government.

As regards international help, I am glad to inform the House that the United Nations General Assembly, on 26th January, endorsed a three-year programme of relief and resettlement for the period July, 1951, to June, 1954, costing $250 million. The aim of this programme, which is without prejudice to the rights of refugees as regards repatriation and compensation, is to make them self-supporting as soon as possible by providing them with homes and work. The virtually unanimous support which the programmes received from the General Assembly and, in particular, the approval given to it by the delegations of the Middle East Governments concerned augur well for the success of the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which is responsible for the execution of the plan.

I warmly welcome this progress in dealing with a problem, upon the solution of which all progress with political problems in the Middle East so largely depends.

Royalty

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F.2781/255

2nd October, 1951.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Gordon Walker to transmit to you herewith a receipt from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees for the sum of £7,000, representing your Government's contribution to the United Nations Palestine Refugee Fund, a cheque for which was enclosed in your letter of 5th July to the Under-Secretary of State.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Sgd. M. E. Allen

The Finance Officer,
Office of the High Commissioner
for Southern Rhodesia,
Rhodesia House,
Strand, W.C.2.

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(File No. F2781/255)

C.R.O.

Ref 29/9/5

Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State

to be dealt with by (124)

DRAFT

Re Finance Officer
Office of the H Cr for
SR

Sir, 2 OCT 1951

I am to transmit to you herewith a receipt from the United Nations Relief & Works Agency for Palestine Refugees for the sum of £7,000, representing Your Govt's contribution to the United Nations Palestine Refugee Fund, a scheme for which provision was enclosed in your letter of 25th July to the Under-Secretary of State.

I am etc
Sgd. M. E. Allen

Further action.

Printing.

(EE 1824/40)

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RELATIONS OFFICE

The Finance Officer of the Foreign Office presents his compliments to the Accountant General, Commonwealth Relations Office, and begs to transmit herewith a receipt in duplicate in respect of £7,000, being a contribution by the Government of Southern Rhodesia towards the Fund of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. (Mr. Allen's letters F. 2781/255 of May 9th to Mr. Smedley refers).

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

24th September, 1951.

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES

NATIONS UNIES
OFFICE DE SECOURS ET DE TRAVAUX
POUR LES REFUGIES DE PALESTINE

Telephone : 97-22 to 97-27
Cables : UNRWA

Maison UNESCO
BEYROUTH

11th September, 1951.

R E C E I P T

Received the sum of £7,000 (Seven Thousand Pounds Sterling), representing contribution by the Government of Southern Rhodesia to United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the fiscal year 1951/2, through Lloyds & National Provincial Foreign Bank Ltd., 10, Moorgate, London.

B.W. Ruffner
Chief Finance Officer

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FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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From Knight.

State Department asked United States representative on Advisory Commission to discuss with Blandford and myself the possibility of the United Kingdom increasing its contributions to UNRWA for 1951-1952. The State Deparment thinks that the agreement of the United Kingdom to contribute in a one to three ratio with the United States would help to obtain 50 million dollars for UNRWA from Congress.

2. It is suggested that the present proposals for refugee resettlement require 250 million spread over three years and that if UNRWA can inform the Arab Governments that it has 75 million promised for 1951-1952 this will be a great opportunity to show good faith of the contributing powers, and that otherwise the Governments might be unlikely to cooperate.

3. The State Department therefore suggests that the United Kingdom budget in advance of 1951-1952 contribution to about 16.5 million.

4. I recognise the importance of this in influencing both the United States Congress and the Arab Governments, but I do not think that with the present progress in negotiations with the Arab Governments, UNRWA will be able to spend on this scale for resettlement during the period from now to February next of United Kingdom financial year, and if UNRWA has then a large unspent balance it presumably might prejudice prospects of similar United Kingdom contribution next year. Nor can I yet point to concrete resettlement projects for the future given in the scale.

5. I told the United States representative I would put the matter to you but found argument likely to convince the Treasury difficult to think of. Possibly some smaller increase in the United Kingdom contribution might help with Congress.

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6. Incidentally one United States Senator and about eight members of Congress, who are attending Istanbul Parliamentary Conference, visited Gaza yesterday and seemed greatly shocked by the conditions there and advised explaining in America the urgency of and responsibility for the refugee problem.

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F.2781/255.

20 August, 1951.

Dear Miss Waterlow

I am writing in reply to your (118) letter to Allen E.1061/1 of the 9th August concerning the possibility of sending Middle East students to Australia for agricultural training. We have no comments on it.

H A Wimbush

MISS C. E. WATERLOW.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

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(File No. F 2781/255)

C.R.O.

Mr Wimble 17/8 f.s. flw

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Secretary of State

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DRAFT

Miss C.E. Waterlow
Foreign Office.

(118)

Thank you for your

I am writing in reply to your letter to Allen E1061/1 of 9th August concerning the possibility of sending Middle East students to Australia for agricultural training. We have no comments on it.

Further action.

Printing.

I doubt whether this is our General Debt or Capital Debt

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

9th August, 1951.

(E 1061/1)

RESTRICTED

Dear Mr. Allen,

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Crawford, the Head of the Development Division of the British Middle East Office, which is self-explanatory.

2. The British Council have commented on this letter as follows:

"But anyhow, the case has been carefully considered and our view is that, since we cannot find enough money for all but a few of the good candidates we get for scholarships to Universities, etc., in the United Kingdom, we see no prospect of our being able to send candidates from the Middle East to Australia."

3. Before replying to B.M.E.O., we should be glad to know whether you have any comments.

Yours sincerely,

C. Waterlow.

(Miss C. Waterlow.)

M.E. Allen, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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BRITISH MIDDLE EAST OFFICE,
10 SHARIA TOLUMBAT,
CAIRO.

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Ref: 227/3/12.
RESTRICTED

21st June, 1951.

Dear Middle East Secretariat:

On a number of occasions Middle East Departmental Directors have raised tentatively the question of sending certain types of Middle East students for study in Australia. These suggestions have been hardly more than thinking aloud and have related mostly to animal breeding and veterinary work connected with sheep, and the improvement of sub-arid pasturage.

In January last, Threlkeld and I called on the Australian Minister in Cairo, Mr. Claude Massey. We found him extremely helpful. After consulting with me, he wrote a letter setting out a case for help to a very limited number of Middle East students. The answer which he received pointed out that there were few vacant places in Australian institutions at the present time and that Australia was unlikely to contribute financially or to provide scholarships to Middle East students in view of her commitments under the Colombo Plan. The letter did not, however, close the door. It also asked how many students per year might be expected and who would pay for them.

Mr. Massey, after discussion with me, replied on June 4th that it was unlikely that more than 12 scholars might be expected in any one year - 6 from scholarships provided by H.M.G. (i.e. under the suggestion made in our despatch No. 5, Appendix B(para.109), and/or from the British Council), or paid for by Middle East Governments, and 6 possibly by F.A.O. No answer has yet been received from Australia.

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All this is in the exploratory stage but I thought that you should know about it.

I am about to discuss it with the Regional Office of F.A.O.

As regards possible scholarships by H.M.G., I had in mind both the recommendations made in our despatch, which have not yet been approved, and the question of the British Council giving such scholarships. I am not certain whether its charter allows this. It is, however, a question which should be seriously considered, for no-one will question that in certain lines, and especially in those mentioned above, Australia is a far better training ground than the United Kingdom.

I will keep you informed of any further developments and in the meantime I would be grateful if you would discuss with the British Council the possibility of its providing any such scholarships.

Yours ever,

(W.F. CRAWFORD)

Middle East Secretariat,
Foreign Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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M. E. Allen, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations
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FOREIGN OFFICE.
S.W.1.

31st July, 1951.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Morrison to thank you for your letter of the 18th July, in which you state that the New Zealand Government has decided to contribute £75,000 to the 1951-52 programme of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees, and to convey to you Mr. Morrison's appreciation of this generous decision.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Official Secretary,
New Zealand Government Offices,
415, Strand,
W.C.2.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.I.

(E 1742/21)

12th July, 1951.

Dear Allen.

(103)

In Miss Waterlow's absence on leave I am replying to your letter F 2781/255 of the 25th May about the possible employment in New Zealand of ex-Palestine Government scholars with engineering or accountancy qualifications.

The Colonial Office have now informed us that they have no students with accountancy qualifications who are interested, but that they have written to two students with engineering qualifications to see whether they wish their names to go forward. If there are any applications the Colonial Office have promised to write to you.

Thank you for the interest you have shown in this matter, and like you we hope that some applications will be forthcoming.

Yours sincerely

E. J. Anglin

(E. J. Anglin)

M. E. Allen, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,
CANBERRA.

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NO. 163.

8th July, 1951.

F2481/255

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Attlee's Circular Despatch W No. 15 dated 2nd March on the subject of Commonwealth contributions to United Nations schemes for the relief of Arab refugees, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a communication dated 3rd July from the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, Canberra, giving particulars of the extent of the aid offered to the United Nations by the Australian Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

W. Garnett

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER.

The Rt.Hon. P.C. Gordon-Walker, M.P.,
Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT,

CANBERRA.

No. 582/1

3rd July, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter (2/100/2: JM/GT) of 30th May, 1951, and a letter dated 24th January, 1951 from the then Foreign Secretary (Mr. Bevin) to Mr. Menzies concerning aid to the Middle East.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has now been informed that the Australian Government has taken the following decisions in regard to Palestine relief -

(a) to contribute available Australian goods and services to the value of £A112,000 (approximately $250,000) for the current programme ending 30th June, 1951. This sum will be made available at once for procurement.

(b) to make a contribution of available Australian goods and services to the value of £A156,800 (approximately $350,000) for the programme of relief and reintegration commencing 1st July, 1951.

(c) the procurement procedures and procedures for valuation and accessorial charges will be similar to those adopted for Australia's contributions to UNICEF and Korean relief.

The Australian Government will review its contribution under (b) in the course of the financial year 1951/52, bearing in mind its other commitments to international relief and economic development and the stage reached in the implementation of the programme, and has expressed to the Secretary-General its hope that this programme will lead to a permanent solution of the problem by the co-operation of all concerned in the implementation of plans for the reintegration of refugees in the economic life of the Middle East.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A.S. Brown

Secretary

The Official Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for the United Kingdom,
CANBERRA.

F. 2781/255

17 July, 1951.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Gordon Walker to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 5th July enclosing cheque for £7,000 being Southern Rhodesia's contribution towards the United Nations Palestine Refugee Fund.

Action is being taken to convey the contribution to the headquarters of the United Nations.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H Wilson Smith
for ME Allen.

THE FINANCE OFFICER
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR SOUTHERN RHODESIA,
RHODESIA HOUSE.

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Secretary of State

DRAFT

Re Finance Officer
Office of Htr for SR
Rhodesia House

Further action.

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9 JUL
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Sir -

I am etc to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 5th July enclosing cheque for £7,000, being SR's contribution towards the United Nations Palestine Refugee Fund.

Action ~~Steps~~ are being taken to convey the contribution to the headquarters of the U.N.

I am to

H.C. 143

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
REF. NO. 112

Office of The High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia,

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY"

TELEPHONE: TEMPLE BAR 1133 (10 LINES)

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
INLAND: "RHODESIANS, RAND, LONDON"
CABLES: "RHODESIANS, LONDON"

Rhodesia House,
429, Strand,
London, W.C.2.

5th July, 1951.

Contribution
~~Remittance~~ sent to A.G. Dept

List No. 44 (United Nations Dept.)

The Under-Secretary of State,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

United Nations : Palestine Refugee Fund

In accordance with instructions received from the Secretary to the Cabinet, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, I enclose a cheque for £7,000, being Southern Rhodesia's contribution towards the United Nations Palestine Refugee Fund.

Yours faithfully,

M. Blaiberg

for Finance Officer,
Office of the High Commissioner
for Southern Rhodesia.

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7 JUL 1951
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List No. 44 (United Nations Dept)

List of remittances received in C.R.O. on 7/7/51

in respect of refunds of assisted passage grants etc.

File Number	From whom received	Form of remittance (cheque, P.O. etc.)	Amount £ s. d.
F278/255.	Office of the High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia. Rhodesia House. The Strand W.C.2.		
	Southern Rhodesia's contribution towards the United Nations Palestine Refugee Fund.		
		Cheque. The Standard Bank of South Africa. Ltd. No. 437144.	£7,000 - -
		Total	£7,000

NOTE: Cheques, Money Orders and Postal Orders should be crossed immediately upon receipt.

Signature E Bolland

Opening Section
C.R.O.

Date 7/7/51

Received the sums shown above

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Accountant General's Department.

Date .....

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

ALLOTTED TO WESTERN AND UNITED NATIONS DEPT.
EN CLAIR

FROM: ACTING U.K.HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW ZEALAND

D. Wellington, 17.37 hrs. 5th July, 1951
R. 10.39 hrs. 5th July, 1951

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529 PRESSE

Your Circular despatch No. W.15 of 2nd March.

PALESTINE REFUGEES

Mr. Doidge announced last night that New Zealand Government had approved contribution of £75000 towards 1951/52 programme of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Copy to:- D.II

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Foreign Office Mr. T.E.Evans (2)

22 JUN 1951

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TIMES

AUSTRALIAN GRANT FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

CANBERRA, JUNE 21

Mr. Casey, Minister for External Affairs, announced yesterday that the Australian Government had decided to contribute £A269,000 to the United Nations agency for Palestine refugees. It will take the form of supplies. Mr. Casey said the contribution was an indication of the importance the Government attached to security and stability in the Middle East. An earlier contribution was made to the United Nations programme of relief for Palestinian and Arab refugees amounting to £A160,000.

M.E. Allen, Esq., 108
C.R.O.

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15th June, 1951.

Your ref. 11020/18/1

On the 8th July, 1950, Mr. Stone in your Department wrote to Miss Waterlow giving the names and details of ex-Palestine Government Scholars who wanted suitable employment either at home or abroad. These particulars were circulated to the British Embassies and Legations in the Middle East and we also asked the Commonwealth Relations Office whether they would approach the Commonwealth Offices in London for help. I now enclose a self-explanatory letter from Mr. Allen of the Commonwealth Relations Office together with a copy of a letter from the New Zealand Government Office.

You will see that New Zealand is interested in receiving applications for employment from students with qualifications in Accountancy and Engineering. According to the list of names sent these are Said Breik, N.I. Dajani and Faruq Zuhair Shihabi (your letter 11007/3577 of the 17th March, 1951) but you might well be able to add to this number. If any of the students are interested would you please contact Mr. Allen direct. I very much hope that some applications will be forthcoming.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Allen of the Commonwealth Relations Office.

(E.J. Anglin)

A. Dean Esq.,
Director of Colonial Studies,
15, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

Despatch 152 to Pakistan (H.C.) Ref. (73) 104

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No. ME/3/4/51

PRIME MINISTER
PAKISTAN

Karachi, the 15th May, 1951

(68A)

My dear Foreign Secretary,

Kindly refer to the late Mr. Bevin's letter No. FS 1824/1, dated 24th January, 1951, regarding support to the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees.

2. My Government have contributed the sum of Rs. 300,000/- in the form of wheat to the 1950-51 Relief and Works Programme for Palestine refugees. We have now sanctioned a further sum of Rs. 300,000/- as our contribution towards the Relief and Re-integration Programme for 1951-52. We greatly regret therefore that we are not in a position to agree to the suggestion that we should contribute .74% of the whole programme. As you are aware, Pakistan is burdened with a refugee problem of its own of unprecedented magnitude.

3. We entirely agree with the view of the United Kingdom Government that the solution of the Arab refugee problem is essential to the stability of the Middle East. Pakistan has consistently opposed the creation of Israel, knowing full well that the establishment of this new State would inevitably result in the exile of the indigenous population. We are of the opinion that those nations that have voted against the just claims of the Arabs of Palestine bear the moral responsibility for the present misery of the Arab refugees; and they ought, therefore, now to be asked to bear an appropriate share of the cost of the rehabilitation scheme.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Liaquat Ali Khan

The Right Hon'ble Herbert Morrison,
Secretary for Foreign Affairs,
Government of the United Kingdom,
London.

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The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

RE
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Foreign Office,

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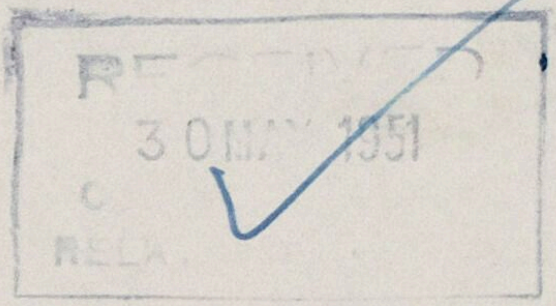

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

18th May, 1951.

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Thank you for your letter of the 16th May regarding contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

2. The position as regards the United Kingdom contribution is that we are prepared to increase our offer from £ 8m. to £ 9m., provided the United States Government are prepared to increase theirs from £ 25 m. to £ 27 m. We are also prepared to make a further increase to bring up our contribution to £ 10 m. provided

(a) the United States Government increase theirs to £ 30 m.

(b) the major contributors (apart from the United Kingdom and the United States) improve on their last year's contribution.

(c) some other Governments, who have not so far contributed, make offers.

We understand that the United States Government are in fact prepared to offer £ 30 m. The French Government are offering the same contribution as last year, namely 1 billion francs (£ 2,856,000)

3. According to information available here (I cannot, I am afraid, guarantee that the list is up-to-date) offers of contributions have been made by

/Governments

Mr. S.F. Rae,
Canada House.

Governments, other than the Governments of the United Kingdom, United States and France, as follows:-

Denmark	£ 40,000
Egypt	£ 390,000
Greece	£ 50,000
Indonesia	£ 30,000
Israel	£2,800,000 (payment on account in respect of compensation due to Arab refugees)
Lebanon	£ 33,000 (minimum)
Luxembourg	£ 2,000
Mexico	£ 110,000
Norway	£ 14,000
Saudi Arabia	£ 115,000
Southern Rhodesia	£ 19,600
Sweden	£ 20,000
Syria	£ 60,000
Venezuela	£ 20,000

The Government of the Sudan also propose to make a contribution.

4. We entirely agree that it is important that as many Governments as possible should contribute to this fund. We raised this matter with the Secretary-General of the United Nations when he was in London recently and he undertook to consider what further steps could be taken to ensure wider response to the appeal.

5. Now that the attitude of the Arab Governments is such as to hold out reasonable prospects of success for the programme, it would be most unfortunate if progress could not be made for lack of finance. Since the Arab League resolution

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referred to in paragraph 4 of Mr. Pearson's letter was taken, the Prime Minister of the last Syrian Government indicated his willingness, subject to the necessary finance being made available, to resettle refugees on State lands in Syria, and the present Syrian Prime Minister is anxious to press ahead with pilot resettlement projects. The Egyptian Government have agreed to a resettlement project in Sinai. The Iraq Government are prepared to resettle refugees now in Iraq on irrigated land in that country. It is believed that the Lebanese Government are prepared to accept on a permanent basis in the Lebanon those refugees who are of Lebanese origin. The Jordan Government have of course always been prepared to accept refugees but unfortunately resettlement possibilities in that country (apart from the Jordan Valley Project which cannot be fully implemented without the agreement of Israel, and is in any case extremely costly) are limited. But 100,000 Palestinians have, however, already re-established themselves largely by their own efforts in Jordan. Now that the political difficulties are being overcome, the main obstacle to the solution of the refugee question is the problem of funds, and I think you will agree that every effort should be made to overcome it.

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OFFICE OF THE

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA

CANADA HOUSE

LONDON S.W.1.

16th May, 1951.

Dear Evans:

You will recall the recent letter of April 13th (99) addressed to the Foreign Secretary by Mr. Pearson regarding the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Our attention has recently been drawn to the penultimate paragraph of that letter, in which it was indicated that any contribution by the Canadian Government to the reintegration fund would be dependent upon countries other than the United Kingdom, the United States and France giving some indication that they were prepared to bear a larger share of the burden.

In this connection our Department of External Affairs has asked if the United Kingdom authorities are aware of any additional contributions to the Agency's programme for 1951-52 from countries other than the United Kingdom, the United States and France, and, secondly, whether the United Kingdom Government is considering an increase in its contribution to the 1951-52 programme of the Agency.

I should be most grateful for an early reply on these two points, which is required by our people for the preparation of a Cabinet submission.

Yours ever,

(Signed) H. Rae.

T. E. Evans, Esq., O.B.E.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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F.2781/255.

25-12 May, 1951.

Dear McIvor,

(102) I write to thank you for your letter A.18/112 of 21st May, addressed to Ormerod, indicating that the New Zealand Government are prepared to consider the possibility of admitting certain Palestinian refugee students into New Zealand. We are going into the matter and I will write again with the names of any students who may be interested.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. M. E. Allen

N.S. McIVOR, ESQ.,
NEW ZEALAND HOUSE.

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F.2781/255.

23rd May, 1951.

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I am glad to be able to tell you at long last that the New Zealand Government hold out some hope of being able to employ students with qualifications in Accountancy and Engineering. I enclose a copy of the letter from New Zealand House informing us of this. I would be grateful if you would let me know soon whether any of the students would like to take advantage of this opportunity so that interviews can be arranged with the New Zealand migration authorities.

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We are of course sending a courteous acknowledgment to the New Zealand letter. Perhaps I may express the hope that, now that a positive reply has been received from the New Zealand Government, some quick application from Palestine students may be procured.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. M. E. Allen

MISS C. WATERLOW,

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To Commonwealth representatives in London

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21 May 1951.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
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COMMONWEALTH
RELATIONS OFFICE

(66)

Dear Ormerod,

You wrote to Zohrab on the 27th January 1951 (F.2781/255) giving a list of Palestine students who are in this country and who have now no homes or jobs in Palestine. The New Zealand Government have informed us that they are prepared to consider sympathetically the possibility of admitting into New Zealand those of the students for whom suitable employment can be found.

It may be possible to place those students with qualifications in engineering and accountancy, but it is doubtful whether this can be done for those with qualifications in law and history. Any of the students willing to go to New Zealand should first be interviewed by the Migration Branch in this office after which it will be possible to explore fully in New Zealand their chances of employment. If you could let us know whether any of the students are interested we could arrange for them to be interviewed. Wellington have asked us to make it clear both to the United Kingdom authorities and to the students concerned that the admission of any one of them will not be regarded as creating a precedent for the admission of any of his relatives.

Yours sincerely,

(N.S. McIvor)

R.C. Ormerod, Esq.,
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DOWNING STREET, S.W. 1

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COMMONWEALTH
RELATIONS OFFICE

16th May, 1951.

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Dear Ormerod,

(66) With reference to your letter No. F.2781/255 of the 27th January, 1951, the authorities in South Africa have asked us to express their regret that the Union will not be able to assist with the employment and resettlement of the students mentioned in the list which you sent me.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart

R. C. Ormerod, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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The Secretary of State

CONFIDENTIAL for Commonwealth Relations

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS

OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Foreign Office,

16th May, 1951.

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CONFIDENTIAL

The Secretary of State for External Affairs
Canada

Ottawa, April 13, 1951

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Dear Mr. Morrison,

(68A) The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to the letter of January 24 which your predecessor addressed to him in connection with the Arab refugee problem.

2. The Government agrees that the restoration of political stability in the Middle East depends, to a substantial degree, on a satisfactory solution of this problem. As you know, we have, in the past, contributed to relief programmes for these refugees. At the same time, Canadian representatives in the organs of the United Nations have pointed out that the international community could not be expected to provide direct relief for an indefinite period, and that steps must be taken toward reintegrating the refugees into the economy of the area, either by repatriation or by resettlement in the Arab countries.

3. When the Arab refugee question was debated by the General Assembly last autumn, the representatives of the Arab Governments, you will recall, continued to press strongly for confirmation by the United Nations of the principle of refugee repatriation. Nevertheless we gathered from informal discussions with Arab delegates that their governments were fully aware that Israel was unwilling and probably unable to reabsorb any large number of those Arabs who had fled from the territory now under Israeli control. These delegates also doubted if, in the final analysis, more than a small fraction of the refugees would really wish to become permanent residents of Israel.

The Right Honourable Herbert Morrison, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
LONDON, England.

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4. Accordingly it appeared that the Arab states would acquiesce in any resolution which offered a practical prospect of solving the refugee problem provided that it did not deny the principle of repatriation. This assumption seems to have been borne out by the recent decision of the Political Committee of the Arab League calling upon member governments to cooperate with United Nations agencies in dealing with the refugee problem, and to regard the resettlement of the refugees in the Arab countries as a matter of urgency without prejudice to their right to ultimate repatriation.

5. If the Arab Governments now realize that they must take an active part in incorporating these refugees in their own countries, I agree that a resettlement undertaking of the dimensions required can be effected only within the framework of the general economic development of the Middle East. I should think that, in conformity with the decision of the Arab League, the Arab Governments would now make at least some of the basic facilities for resettlement available to refugees in their territories. At the same time, as you have suggested, the project of resettling any large number of refugees in the states of the Middle East seems to call for international financial and technical assistance on an extensive scale. Expenditures on a considerable scale by the United Nations as well as direct assistance extended by interested governments would, I think, be justified insofar as they would be designed not merely to solve a major humanitarian problem, but also to promote the economic development of all the countries of the Middle East, thereby contributing to the general stability and security of this strategic region.

6. You will appreciate that in Canada as in the United Kingdom expenditures on national defence and overseas assistance of a military nature have been growing at an alarmingly rapid pace. In the light of these heavy commitments, external aid for other purposes will have to be closely scrutinized, and we are now making a comprehensive assessment of the whole question of future Canadian contributions for external relief and development.

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7. The Canadian Government made an initial contribution of $750,000 to the 1950-51 relief and works programme for Palestine refugees in the Middle East, and Cabinet has recently agreed to a second appropriation of $750,000 for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine for the year 1950-51. The appropriation was included in the final Supplementary Estimates for the present fiscal year, which were approved by Parliament on March 19. This brings our total contribution for this year to $1,500,000.

8. I am not in a position at the moment to say what further contribution the Canadian Government might make during this year. This decision will be made no doubt in the light of the total funds which Canada may expect to provide for external relief generally. We shall also have to take into consideration the contributions of other countries in a somewhat similar position to that of Canada. The situation in this respect is not encouraging. During the first year of the Agency, for example, approximately $1,500,000 was contributed by states other than the three major powers, the United States, the United Kingdom and France. Of this amount Canada contributed approximately one-half. Since the renewed appeal of the Assembly last autumn, the Negotiating Committee has been able to secure promises of only $882,000 from countries other than the United States and the United Kingdom. The second contribution of $750,000, therefore, which Canada is now making, is almost equal to that of all these other states combined.

9. We recognize that Canada, like other countries, has an interest in the security, stability and prosperity of the Middle East. However, by contrast with the United States and the United Kingdom, whose close associations and direct interests in the area are apparent and widely accepted, it is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade Canadians that their obligation is so much greater than that of many other countries. We appreciate the very great generosity with which the United States and the United Kingdom have already contributed to the Agency, but I believe that further Canadian support is dependent on evidence that our contribution will be in a more appropriate relationship to the contributions of other countries in a comparable

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position. If these other countries can be persuaded to assume a substantial share of the financial responsibilities entailed by the reintegration programme, and if the total pledged contributions and the attitude of the Arab States are such as to hold out reasonable prospects of success for the programme, the Canadian Government would no doubt give consideration to a reasonable Canadian contribution.

10. I am grateful to the United Kingdom authorities for the frank exposition of their views regarding the probable effect of refugee reintegration upon the stability of the Middle East, and I can assure you that the Government appreciates the importance of continued co-operation among the members of the community of free nations in achieving a permanent and satisfactory solution of this problem within the framework of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

L. B. Pearson

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
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SOUTHERN RHODESIA

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7th May, 1951.

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Dear Gandee,

I think it is right to draw attention to the debate in the Southern Rhodesia Parliament on the grant by the Southern Rhodesia Government of £20,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. We referred to the subject briefly in paragraph 8 of our Opdom No. 4. (97)

Southern Rhodesia's contribution was stimulated by a letter from Mr. Bevin (see Secretary of State's despatch (173) W.15 of the 2nd March, 1951, and No. 13 to us of the 5th April). (85) The commendably prompt reaction of the Southern Rhodesia Government shows the increasing attention which they are paying to foreign affairs, especially in areas where they consider that the Colony has a special interest.

In the debate on the estimates this grant was attacked by spokesmen of both opposition parties on the grounds that it was an unnecessary expense and none of Southern Rhodesia's business. Sir Godfrey Huggins defended the grant stoutly, saying that it was an indication that the country was "growing up"; that it was part of the Commonwealth defence of the Middle East, an area vital to Southern Rhodesia, and against Communism in general; and, moreover, that Southern Rhodesia's contribution was only a "dole" compared with what other countries were putting up.

Yours sincerely,

Godfrey Huggins

J.S. Gandee, Esq., M.B.E.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Extract fr Tel 10 Saw fr H.C. S. Rhodesia
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Aid to Palestine Refugees.

8. Members of both Opposition parties have attacked as an extravagance the decision of the Southern Rhodesia Government to grant £7,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees. The Prime Minister roundly defended the grant as an essential part of Southern Rhodesia's contribution towards Commonwealth defence of the Middle East.

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F.2781/255.

17 May, 1951.

Dear Evans,

(95) Thank you for sending us copies of Knight's letters to you of 27th April and 2nd January, from Beirut, about the possibility of Mr. A. D. Gorwala being appointed Director of UNRWA.

We see no objection to your sounding Lord Clydesmuir about Mr. Gorwala's suitability, as Knight suggests. It is possible that Shattock knew him also in the I.C.S. and could throw light on his likely usefulness.

If these preliminary enquiries are favourable, we should like to be able to give the Government of India an opportunity to comment, before Mr. Gorwala's name is put forward in New York.

Yours sincerely,

H. Smith

T. E. EVANS, ESQ., O.B.E.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Secretary of State

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T.G. Evans Esq OBE

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are favourable, we should like an
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Mr Gawalt's name is put forward
in New Jersey.

Yours sincerely,

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United Kingdom Delegation
Advisory Commission UNRWA
Beirut

(AC 122)

27th April, 1951

Ny dear Evans,

In view of the great difficulty which is being experienced in finding a successor to Kennedy, I suggest the possibility of reconsidering Gorwala as a candidate.

I heard casually from a friend in Bombay yesterday that Gorwala had left the firm he had been working with, and so I think there is a possibility that he may be now available.

I have not, of course, communicated with him.

(H.F. Knight)

T.E. Evans, Esq., O.B.E.,
Foreign Office.

United Kingdom Delegate,
Advisory Commission, UNRWA

c/o British Legation,
BEIRUT

CONFIDENTIAL

2nd January, 1951

Time to secure a successor to Kennedy as Director of UNRWA is short. One possibility might be A.D.GORWALA, C.I.E., a Parsi, formerly I.C.S., now with N.N. WADIA & CO., the big Bombay firm.

He was Secretary to Finance and Food Department of Bombay Government during most of the war, and succeeded inter alia in introducing rationing into Bombay City in May 1943 when everybody said it would not work. Sir Theodore Gregory and he were really responsible for the Food Grain Policy Report which laid the foundation for all of India's later food arrangements.

I don't at all know if he'd consider the job. But perhaps Wadia's might lend him. I have not of course written to him.

If you think it worth considering, I suggest you first get Lord Clydesmuir's opinion - he as Sir John Colville was Governor of Bombay and at intervals acting Viceroy and knows Gorwala well. I worked with Gorwala so much myself that I may be prejudiced in his favour.

(H.F. Knight)

T.E. Evans, Esq., O.B.E.
Foreign Office.

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Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street,

F.2781/255 9th May, 1951.

My dear Smedley,

We sent you under l.f. despatch No. 13 of 5th April copies of correspondence between Sir G. Huggins and the Foreign Secretary about the contribution of £7,000 which Southern Rhodesia has kindly decided to make to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

As foreshadowed in the Foreign Secretary's letter, the Secretary-General of the United Nations was informed by the Permanent Delegation to the United Nations of this contribution. The reply acknowledging this information is signed only by an "Acting Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General", and is thus hardly suitable for transmission to the Southern Rhodesian Prime Minister by the Foreign Secretary! It does, however, state that "this action on the part of the Government of Southern Rhodesia is keenly appreciated", and that the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Beirut is being informed. We should be glad if an official letter might be sent from your Office to the Southern Rhodesian authorities, perhaps saying that the Permanent Delegation has received a message sent "on behalf of the Secretary-General" to the above effect, dressing up the matter as seems most appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. M. E. Allen

H. SMEDLEY, ESQ., M.B.E.

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DRAFT.

H. Smedley Esq MBE
Salisbury

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As foreshadowed in the Foreign Secretary's letter, the Secretary-General of the United Nations was informed, & the Permanent Delegation

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c/ps Miss C. Waterlow, MBE, FO, comps of 92

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Yours sincerely

FE 1824/14.

R.C. Ormerod Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations
Office.

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Enclosure to New York communication no. 1711/39/51E of the 16th April.

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UNITED NATIONS,

NEW YORK.

File No. SG 455/1/03

10 April, 1951.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 122, dated 27 March 1951, notifying that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have been informed that the Government of Southern Rhodesia have decided to subscribe £ 7,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. This action on the part of the Government of Southern Rhodesia is keenly appreciated.

The information contained in your letter has been forwarded to the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Beirut.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) Martin Hill
Acting Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-General

His Excellency
Sir Gladwyn Jebb
United Kingdom Delegation
to the United Nations
Empire State Building
New York 1, N. Y.

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(File No. F.2781/255)

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Mr. Wimble 25.4.51
Mr. Cockram 2/5
Mr Pinchard
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Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State

DRAFT LETTER

T.E.EVANS, ESQ., OBE.,
MIDDLE EAST SECRETARIAT,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Further action.

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Over the past two years the Foreign Secretary has sent a number of letters to Commonwealth Prime Ministers appealing for contributions towards Arab relief. These letters have not been seen by the Commonwealth Relations Office until after their issue, and experience has shown that this practice has certain disadvantages.

In 1948 an unfortunate incident occurred over a letter E 13486/10748/31 of October 20th sent to the Australian Prime Minister which quoted a personal opinion of a member of the Australian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in Paris as if it were a commitment on the part of the Australian Government. This caused considerable embarrassment to the Australian Delegate concerned, which might possibly have been avoided if the letter which gave rise to it had been seen in the C.R.O. before it had issued.

The letters which were despatched after the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Meeting this year have not given rise to any such difficulty, but on general grounds the desirability of drawing on the not unlimited fund of Commonwealth goodwill for this particular charity seems open to argument. You will appreciate that India and Pakistan have big refugee problems of their own and are unlikely to feel justified in contributing largely until these problems

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are nearing solution. The Prime Minister of India has indeed replied refusing a contribution on this ground. So far as we know, the Prime Minister of Pakistan has not replied to Mr. Bevin's letter nor have the Prime Ministers of any other Commonwealth countries except Canada and Southern Rhodesia. Canada usually prefers to contribute to such funds on her own initiative and Mr. St. Laurent's reply was limited to a polite acknowledgment of Mr. Bevin's letter. Southern Rhodesia, which is not a separate member of the United Nations, and which could therefore correctly be approached by the U.K. for a contribution, has been the only one of the Governments approached to have made a contribution.

In general there is much to be said for leaving members of the Commonwealth Governments to contribute to U.N. appeals, without any pressure from the U.K. They are all members of the United Nations and must be assumed to deal with appeals sponsored by the U.N. with a proper sense of responsibility. Their delegations have opportunities to express the views of their Governments when appeals are considered and to press their Governments to comply with them. In such circumstances it seems to us that the U.K. would in general be well advised to leave other Commonwealth Governments to make up their own minds and to use their influence with them only when appeals are made for a particular Commonwealth objective, or by an organisation in the U.K. or the Colonies. On such occasions the U.K. can properly intervene and would probably be expected to do so by the other Commonwealth Governments.

it would be for the U.K. to lobby frequently on behalf of

Our lobbying would only be likely to be effective if it was confined to very special & infrequent occasions.

There will of course be occasions when an appeal might properly be supported by the U.K. with some prospect of success, and it is not desired to go further than to suggest that, if and when further appeals are contemplated, the C.R.O. should be given an opportunity of commenting before any communication is sent to other Commonwealth Governments.

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F.2781/255

24th April, 1951.

Dear Gonet

Many thanks for your letters Ext.67.1.5/51 of 30th January and 20th April concerning the employment of Palestine Arab refugees and for the trouble you have taken. We were very glad to hear that the Government of India have been able to give employment to a few of the people mentioned in Scott's earlier letter.

Sgd. Wm. Ormerod

R. A. GONET, ESQ.,
INDIA HOUSE.

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Mr Wimbl 23/4
Mr Ormerod 23/4
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Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State

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24 APR 1951

DRAFT letter

R. A. L. Gonet Esq.
India House.

Flowry Chambers

~~Thank~~ you for your letters, ~~A~~ of 30th January and 20th April concerning Esst 67. 1.5./51 of ~~April 20th~~ 3 the employment of ~~Arab~~ Palestine Arab refugees. ~~We quite~~ understand the difficulties of the Government of India in this matter and are grateful ~~for the efforts you have made~~ and for the trouble you have taken. We were very glad to hear that the Govt of India have been able to ~~select~~ a give employment to a few of the people mentioned in earlier Scott's letter ~~of October 1949~~.

Sgd. W. Ormerod

Further action.

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Copy to Mr Waterlow (F.O. (with copies of P & Sq)

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EXTERNAL DEPARTMENT,

INDIA HOUSE,
ALDWYCH, W.C.2.

Telephone:
Temple Bar 8484

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23 APR 1951
COMMONWEALTH
RELATIONS OFFICE

Mr Wyatt 189
Mr Mead

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Ref: EXT.67.1.5/51. 20th April, 1951.

My dear Ormerod,

(66)

Would you kindly refer to your letter reference F.2781/255 dated 27th January 1951, in which you gave us a list of some Palestine Arab refugees in Cairo who were looking for employment. We had referred the matter to the Government of India and they have replied that it is regretted that there is no employment which the Government of India can offer to these persons. I thought you would like to know the outcome of the Government of India's consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gonet

(R.A.L. GONET).

R.C. Ormerod, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

C.R.O.

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F.2781/255.

Mr. Pritchard 13/4

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Mr.

CONFIDENTIAL

13th April, 1951.

Dear Hooper,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd April to Dixon about Major General Howard Kennedy, the Canadian Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

As you say there can be no question of an honour or similar award but we should be very glad to follow up your suggestion that some official expression might be given of the U.K. Government's appreciation of the services rendered by General Kennedy. What we have in mind is to ask our High Commissioner in Ottawa to convey an appropriate message to the Canadian Government, who would doubtless pass it on to General Kennedy.

I imagine that the best time for this would be when General Kennedy vacates his appointment in June, and we would be grateful if the Foreign Office would regard themselves as responsible for letting us know when the moment has arrived. If you would care then to let us have a draft of the message it would be helpful.

ENCLOSURES

FURTHER ACTION

Yours sincerely,

N. PRITCHARD

To

R.W.J. Hooper, Esq., D.S.O., D.F.C.,
Foreign Office.

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C.R.O.

Mr. Allen 11/4

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Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State

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DRAFT LETTER

FOR MR. PRITCHARD'S SIGNATURE

R.W.J.Hooper, Esq., DSO., DFC.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

[See for instance tel 196 of 16 March 1950 from Pol Ottawa, Hoppe A on 2855]

Dear Hooper,

Please refer to your letter of 2nd April (no file number) to Dixon about the case of Major-General Howard Kennedy, the Canadian Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Since it was in Ottawa that we brought to bear what little pressure was used to get the Canadian Government to release General Kennedy for this work, the best way of expressing our appreciation of his services would probably be for Sir A. Clutterbuck to convey an informal message of appreciation to the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa. It would then be open to the Department to pass the message, as they thought fit, to General Kennedy himself.

If you agree to this we will send out a message, based on the information contained in your letter, in a few months' time when the General has returned to private life in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Further action.

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4 APR 1951
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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

2nd April, 1951.

Dear Dixon,

You may remember that I spoke to you recently about the case of Major General Howard Kennedy, the Canadian Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. He is giving up his post in June and we have been wondering whether it would be possible to make some official recognition of his services.

When he vacates his appointment he will have served for some 14 months in the Middle East. His task has been a particularly arduous and thankless one. Despite all sorts of difficulties he has not only succeeded in maintaining nearly one million refugees, but has also managed, by his gifts of personality and patience, to gain the confidence of the Arab Governments, who at the outset were anything but sympathetic towards the Agency. That these Governments should at last have agreed in principle to the resettlement of refugees in Arab countries - the only practical solution to the problem - is due in no small measure to General Kennedy's sympathetic and tactful handling of the problem. General Kennedy undertook this task at considerable personal sacrifice. He has considerable business interests in Canada and is also Chairman and Consulting Engineer of the East Rocky Mountain Reclamation Scheme, a Government-sponsored project. He abandoned these temporarily in order to take up his post with the Relief and Works Agency. During the war General Kennedy was Quartermaster-General in the Canadian Army.

We realise that the Canadian Government do not now permit their nationals to accept honours and awards, whether carrying a title or not, although a temporary exception was made for wartime services. We are wondering,

Sir Charles Dixon, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.

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however, whether there is any other way in which some official expression might be given of our appreciation of the services rendered by General Kennedy. H.M.G. in the U.K. have perhaps some locus standi in the matter since they urged the Canadian Government to release General Kennedy for the post.

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Yours sincerely,

R.W.G. Hodson.

FF 1824/17.

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS

OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

31 MAR 1951
RELATIONS OFFICE

Foreign Office,

22nd March, 1951

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Ottawa, February 3, 1951.

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
London.

My dear Mr. Bevin:

I duly received your letter of the 24th January regarding the problem of Arab refugees in the Middle East.

I know you will understand why I can say no more by way of acknowledgment at present than to assure you that my colleagues and I will give careful consideration to the suggestions which you have made.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Mr. St. Laurent.

FE 1824/14.

R.C. Ormerod Esq
Commonwealth Relations
Office

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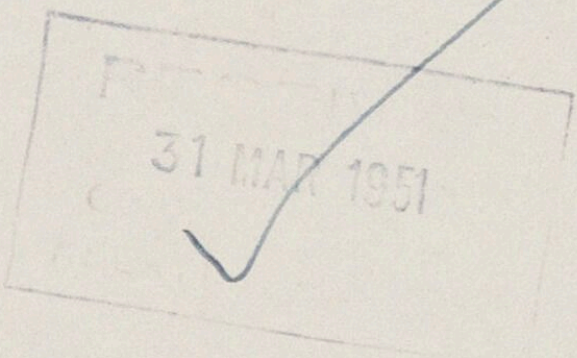

Foreign Office
21st March 1951

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

(E 1824/14)

21st March, 1951.

My dear Coulson

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, to Mr. Bevin, and of the Secretary of State's reply, regarding the decision of the Government of Southern Rhodesia to subscribe £7,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees. As you know, His Majesty's Government is responsible for the external relations of Southern Rhodesia and we should be grateful, therefore, if you would officially inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the Southern Rhodesian Government's generous decision.

2. I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to the Chancery at Washington and to Sir Henry Knight at Beirut for information.

Yours ever,

(T.E. Evans.)

J.E. Coulson, Esq.,
United Kingdom Delegation,
New York.

21st March, 1951.

(EE 1824/14)

My dear Prime Minister

In reply to your letter of 24th February to Mr. Bevin, I am writing to thank you for the most generous decision of your Government to subscribe £7,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees. I am informing the Secretary-General of the United Nations of your decision, and I know that he will share my gratitude for your quick and generous response to the appeal.

Yrs.

(Sgd) HERBERT MORRISON

The Right Hon.
Sir Godfrey Huggins, G.H., K.C.M.G.

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PRIME MINISTER

SALISBURY.

24th February, 1951.

My dear Minister,

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In answer to your letter of the 24th January, 1951, asking Commonwealth Governments to contribute to the United Nations Palestine Refugee Fund, it gives me much pleasure to be able to say that Southern Rhodesia will subscribe £7,000. as soon as the necessary provision for the expenditure has been passed on our 1951-52 Estimates.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) G. Huggins.

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Secretary of State
for Commonwealth Relations

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS

OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Foreign Office,

15th March, 1951.

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February , 1951.

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My dear Secretary of State,

I have given your letter of 24th January, 1951 (No. EE 1824/1) my deepest consideration. I appreciate the fact that the solution of the refugee problem is essential to the economic stability of the Middle East and that the question of rehabilitation in Korea is one of the utmost importance. It is discomforting to note the difficulty the relief agency is experiencing in its attempts to collect sufficient funds. It is with much regret, however, that I am forced to say that in the face of the financial and economic conditions at present prevailing in Ceylon, much as I would like to do otherwise, I cannot do aught but reluctantly repeat my reply to earlier appeals of the same nature, that Ceylon is not in a position to help further this deserving cause.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. D.S. Senanayake.

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.

INWARD SAVING TELEGRAM TO COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

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(BY AIR MAIL)

2781/55

ALLOTTED TO WESTERN AND UNITED NATIONS DEPT.

FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CEYLON

RPTD: U.K. DELEGATION IN NEW YORK
B.M.E.O., CAIRO
BEIRUT
WASHINGTON

D: Colombo 5th March, 1951.
R: 12th March, 1951.

No. 21 SAVING CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed to Commonwealth Relations Office No. 21, repeated to United Kingdom Delegation, New York No. 1, B.M.E.O., Cairo No. 1, Beirut No. 1, and Washington No. 3.

Your No. 197 Saving of 20th December.

KOREAN AND PALESTINE RELIEF

An approach was made to the Ceylon Government asking that they should consider the possibility of making a contribution to the United Nations programme of aid to Korean rehabilitation and to the fund which finances the Near East Relief and works Agency for Arab refugees. The Ceylon Government have, however, decided that in view of the financial and economic conditions at present prevailing in Ceylon it is not possible for them to do other than repeat their reply to earlier appeals of the same nature, namely that they much regret that Ceylon is not in a position to assist further this deserving cause.

It is understood that a letter in this sense has been sent by the Prime Minister of Ceylon to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Copy to:-

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C.R.O.

Foreign Office

Mr. R. Ross
Miss Storar
Mr. Cape (2)

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F.2781/255

30th March, 1951

Dear Hewitson,

Please refer to your letter to Ormerod PS16/1/1 of 8th March concerning the nationality of Palestinian Students; I am sorry that this reply has been delayed.

None of the students has acquired British nationality.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. W. E. Allen

T. HEWITSON, ESQ.,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE.

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Mr Winkl 21/3

Mr Allen. 21/3

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

DRAFT

T. Hewitson Esq.
South Africa House.

Dear Hewitson,

(77) — With reference to your letter ~~Thankyou for~~ to Ormerod PS 16/1/1 of 8th March I have concerning the nationality of Palestinian ~~refugee~~ students; I am sorry that this reply has been delayed.

None of the students has acquired British nationality.

Yours Sincerely

Sgd. M. E. Allen

Further action.

Recirc to Mr Winkl after ~~action~~ letter has issued and after any further replies to (68) & (68A) have been registered. Copies of Replies from Canada & S. Rhodesia should have arrived from F.O. by 23/3

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
LONDON, W. C. 2

P.S. 16/1/1

12 MAR 1951
RELATIONS OFFICE

8th March, 1951.

Copy to Miss Wakelin FO.
and R e BU
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Dear Ormerod,

With reference to your letter № F.2781/255 of the 27th January about Palestinian students who are looking for employment, I should be grateful if you would let me know whether any of the persons named in the list have acquired British citizenship.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Ormerod, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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In reply quote No. L.~~49~~50/3/1/8

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2 MAR 1951
COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

AUSTRALIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE,
AUSTRALIA HOUSE,
LONDON, W.C.2.

28th February, 1951.

Dear Ormerod,

I refer to your letter of 27th January, 1951, to Billington (your file No. F.2781/255) in which you asked if anything could be done by Australia for certain Palestinian students now in the United Kingdom.

The question has been looked into by the Australian Authorities who now inform us that they regret that they are unable to see any way of assisting in the solution of this problem.

Yours sincerely,

for EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

R.C. Ormerod Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

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B/f to Mr Ormerod

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OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA,
CANADA HOUSE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

2 MAR 1951
COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

February 22nd, 1951.

Your Reference: F.2781/255

Mr Arnold

Dear Dick,

May I refer to your letter to Rae of January 27th enclosing a list of Palestinian students in this country seeking employment. This list was forwarded to the Canadian authorities in Ottawa and we have now received a reply from them.

I am informed that the possibility of assisting you in this matter is being investigated and Dr. J.E. Robbins, Director of the Education Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics is taking a personal interest. He has long been interested in the problem of refugees in the Middle East and has previously explored the possibilities of securing employment in Canada for individual refugees from that area.

I am afraid, however, that the preliminary impression in Ottawa is that there is little likelihood of finding suitable employment for the Palestinian students in your list. These persons are in fact not even admissible to Canada under current immigration regulations, though a special Order-in-Council might be passed on their behalf if it could be proved that their qualifications are such as to enable them to make a particularly useful contribution to the Canadian economy.

I shall let you know if I hear further from Ottawa on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John

(J.G.H. Halstead)

R.C. Ormerod, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

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The Secretary of State
for Commonwealth Relations

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Mr Cockram
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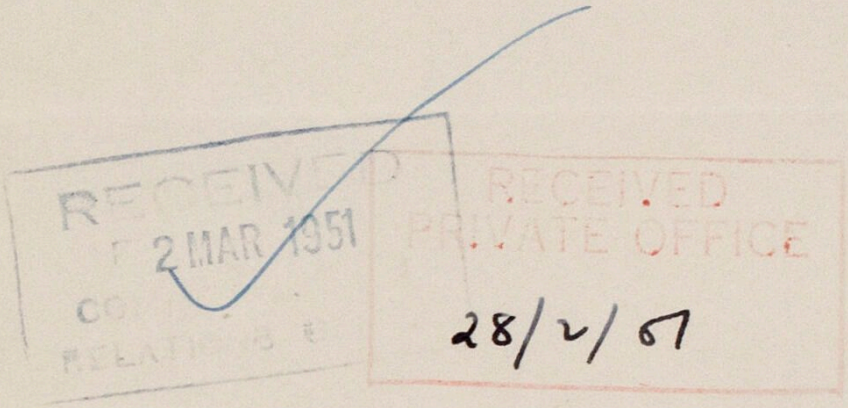
OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.



Foreign Office,

27 Feb., 1951.

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(EE 1824/8)

PRIME MINISTER,

INDIA.

New Delhi,

February, 12, 1951.

My dear Secretary of State,

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th January, which I received on my return to India. You will forgive me for the slight delay in answering this letter. I have been out of Delhi for part of the time since my return from England.

I am deeply sensible of the sufferings of the Arab refugees and of the need to resettle them. We have had a colossal refugee problem of our own to solve and I am fully aware of the misery that these human upheavals create and of the obligation of all, who are in a position to help, to try to alleviate this misery and ultimately to put an end to it. We have therefore considered your request with the fullest understanding and sympathy.

But, with all our sympathy, we came up against a very difficult position. The problem of refugees in our own country is taxing all our strength and we have been unable to help them in the manner we wanted to. There are large numbers still unprovided for in any way, although we have done our utmost within our capacity. Our financial situation is such that it leaves us no scope even for doing things that we want to do. Developments as well as welfare schemes of the greatest urgency and importance to us have had to be cut down owing to the need for economy. These include works under construction on whose early completion depends the solution of our food problem. We expect a food deficit of 5½ million tons. We have already arranged to import 3.7 million tons. In addition to this, we have requested the Government of the United States to supply us with two million tons on concessional terms.

You will appreciate, I hope, the difficulties we have to face and the reasons for our inability to respond to your wishes in this matter. It is only under the pressure of our domestic obligations that we have been compelled to come to this conclusion.

I was greatly distressed to read of your recent illness but am glad you are improving and wish you a rapid and complete recovery.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

Jawaharlal Nehru.

Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, P.C. M.P.,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
London.

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3. NEW ZEALAND (H.C.)
4. UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA (U.K.R.)
5. SOUTHERN RHODESIA (H.C.)
6. INDIA (H.C.)
7. PAKISTAN (H.C.)
8. CEYLON (H.C.)

Circular despatch W No. 15.

CONFIDENTIAL.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

2 March, 1951.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for

1 to 4 & 6 to 8	Your Excellency's	information
5 only	your	
1 & 3 to 8	a copy of a letter	from the Foreign
2 only	copies of two letters	

Secretary to

1.	Mr. St. Laurent	concerning Arab refugees.
2.	Mr. Menzies	
3.	Mr. Holland	
4.	Dr. Donges	
5.	Sir Godfrey Huggins	
6.	Mr. Nehru	
7.	Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan	
8.	Mr. Senanayake	

(Sgd.) C. R. ATTLEE.

Mr. Wumble

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Would you please confirm this despatch. No despatches are yet being addressed to the S. Rhod. H.C.

(2) When a circular despatch includes S. Rhod it is usually a "W" and not a "Y". ~~(S.R. being addressed to Towns).~~

Would you please get this cleared up.

L. Green

23/2/51

We do not want him to go to his Governor, Mr. Welby Lellers, as that is all right for despatches to go to Salisbury Rhod. But if there is any mechanical difficulty, then can go Cheques & confidential desp-

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C.R.O.

Mr Wrinch 23/2
Mr Ormerod 23/2

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2 March, 1951.

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To Salisbury H.C. No.

Circular Despatch No. 15

CONFIDENTIAL.

Parly. U.S. of S.
Minister of State
Secretary of State

~~(for) to all~~
~~(for) to only~~

I have the honour to enclose for your information a copy (To 2 only) copies of a letter (To 2 only) Two letters from the Foreign Secretary to ~~the Prime Minister~~

Mr St Laurent
Mr Menzies
Mr Holland
Dr Bonges
Mr Nehru
Mr Liaquat Ali Khan
Mr Senanayake
Sir Godfrey Huggins

concerning Arab refugees.

(Sgd.) C. R. ATTLEE.

DRAFT. letter

1. ~~C.L.S. Cope Esq.~~ Ottawa H.C.
2. ~~C.J. Young Esq.~~ Canberra H.C.
3. ~~F.G. Miles Esq.~~ Wellington H.C.
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5. ~~E.H. Peeks Esq.~~ Delhi H.C.
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8. ~~H. Smedley Esq.~~ M.B.E. Salisbury H.C.

Addressed to
1 OTTAWA H. C.
2 CANBERRA H. C.
3 WELLINGTON H. C.
4 ~~PRETORIA H.C.~~
5 CAPE TOWN H.C.

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8 COLOMBO H. C.
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+ 68 to H.C. Canberra only
The appropriate cable at 68A to each address. These (68A) are identical except for the address & do not all need to be copied separately.

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TEMPLE BAR 6611.

In reply quote No. L.49/3/1/8
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RECEIVED
1 FEB 1951
COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

AUSTRALIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE,
AUSTRALIA HOUSE,
LONDON, W.C.2.

31st January, 1951.

Dear Ormerod,

I refer to your letter of 27th January 1951 (No. F.2781/255) to Billington on the subject of Palestinian students.

We have sent on to Canberra the list of students and your description of their circumstances and will let you know the result as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

for EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

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30th January, 1951.

Dear Ormerod,

Thank you for your letter No.F.2781/255 dated 27th January,1951. I have examined the list of the Palestinian students seeking employment. I find that except three, all of them have non-technical qualifications. I have,nevertheless, forwarded the names to the Government of India for consideration.

You may perhaps like to know that of the names submitted by Scott in his letter No.F.2781/255 dated 14th October,1949, we had occasion to select a few for employment in India.

Yours sincerely,

P. N. Haksar

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29th January, 1951.

Dear Mr. Wimble,

I received the two envelopes addressed to the Australian Prime Minister, concerning Arab Relief in the Middle East. The contents of one have been passed on to the Prime Minister and the Resident Minister has retained the other copy.

Yours sincerely,

(R.H. Deasey)
Private Secretary

R.H. Wimble, Esq.,
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FOREIGN OFFICE,
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The Committee is appealing for funds both for the current £54m. Relief and Relief Works Programme (for which about £43m. were contributed last year) and for the new £50m. Relief and Reintegration Programme which will run from July 1951 to June 1952.

The results of the Negotiating Committee's work are so far disappointing as far as Palestine refugees are concerned. I regret to say that less than 70% of what is required for Palestine refugees under the 1951-1952 programme has been offered. The contributions to the Palestine fund are made up almost entirely of the United Kingdom and United States offers. Only 12 Governments have so far come forward with promises of contributions for Palestine refugees.

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Although I realise that at this stage it might be difficult for Commonwealth Governments to make the necessary budgetary provision, they might, nevertheless, consider contributing to the current £5m. Programme on a similar scale.

I earnestly hope that the Commonwealth Governments will all contribute the maximum possible to these Programmes. To help us settle this now and thereby make clear the importance which we, as a Commonwealth, attach to the Middle East area.

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Yours sincerely,

E. Bevin

FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

24th January, 1951.

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CONFIDENTIAL

My dear Prime Minister,

There was a matter which we did not discuss last week, but which is of the greatest importance and affects all our relations with the Middle East, namely the problem of the Arab refugees. It is a question of finding the necessary money, and also of giving all possible support to the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, the director of which, incidentally, is General Kennedy, who has been placed at the disposal of the United Nations by the Canadian Government.

The solution of the refugee problem is essential to the stability of the Middle East. It can only be solved by the resettlement of the vast majority of the refugees (who number in all about 900,000) in the neighbouring Arab countries, and this in turn can only be effected within the framework of the economic development of the Middle East. Resettlement thus offers a valuable lead-in to the execution of some of the major development projects in the area.

The stability of the Middle East is vital both to South and South East Asia and to Africa. The large scale investment in economic development which is proposed or is actually in hand in South and South East Asia and in Africa will be in grave danger unless action is taken to safeguard the Middle East.

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Ron Arab Refugee file

Foreign Office,

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

24th January, 1951.

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My dear Prime Minister,

May I ask you to refer to my letter of the 24th January regarding Commonwealth contributions to the funds of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees.

Owing to the dry winter in the Middle East the Agency has lost its local source of wheat supply and the difficulties of the international situation have hampered purchases from other sources. To feed the refugees the Agency needs about 9,000 tons of wheat a month.

General Kennedy, the Director, therefore desires to place an order immediately for 8,000 tons of Australian flour for delivery in May. The total cost of the shipment is £896,000. Unless local purchase prospects improve it may be necessary to purchase an additional quantity of 6,500 tons.

/General.....

The Right Honourable
R. G. Menzies, K.C.

General Kennedy has asked us and the United States Government to make the necessary finance available at once from the United Kingdom and United States contributions for the second quarter of this year. The State Department have warned us that they will find it very difficult to secure an advance to meet other than a very small proportion of the cost of the consignment. We are endeavouring, by making provision in a Supplementary Estimate to assist the Agency.

I very much hope, however, that by making a contribution to the Agency's current programme, the Australian Government will provide a direct way out of the Agency's difficulty. Contributions may be in cash or kind and by contributing all or part of this consignment the Australian Government's assistance to the Agency would be both generous and timely.

May I ask you to have this looked into as a matter of urgency?

Yours sincerely,

E Bevin

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET,

F.2781/255.

27 January, 1951.

1. S.F. Rae, Esq.,
   Canada House.

2. D. J. Billington, Esq.,
   Australia House.

3. B.D. Zohrab, Esq.,
   New Zealand Government Offices.

4. T. Hewitson, Esq.,
   South Africa House.

5. P.N. Haksar, Esq.,
   India House.

6. R.R. Noore, Esq.,
   Pakistan House.

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(to 2) Brian Hill
(to 3) Taylor
(to 4) you
(to 5) you
(to 6) you

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R. C. ORMEROD

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Copy to:-

Miss C.Waterlow, F.O.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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(E 1742/27)

Dear Mr Scott,

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(64) Under cover of your reference F 2781/225 of the 11th July, you sent us copies of correspondence which you had exchanged with the Commonwealth High Commissioners about the possible employment in the Commonwealth of Arab refugees with technical or administrative qualifications.

As you may know, there are a number of Palestinian students in this country, who were brought over here by the former Mandate Government at His Majesty's Government's expense and who are now without homes or jobs to return to. We are trying to get the Arab Governments to employ them, but for various reasons this is proving very difficult. I should be glad to know whether you see any possibility of their being employed in the Commonwealth? I attach a list of their names and subjects and should be glad to let you have further particulars, if required.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. B. G. Stone, Colonial Office.

Yours sincerely,

C. Waterlow.

(Miss C. Waterlow)

D. A. Scott, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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(E 1742/27)

List of Palestinian Students in this country seeking jobs.

Name	Subject
M. Dirhalli	Honours degree history, Trinity College, Dublin.
H. A. Maizar	Jordanhill Teachers' Training College, Glasgow. Diploma in physical training. Studying for Glasgow law degree.
W. R. Asfour	Aberystwyth B.Sc pass degree in rural science. Utah State College degree in Agronomy.
S. Breik	Durham University B.Sc degree in Civil Engineering.
A. Mulhim	Leeds University law degree and research scholarship.
K. Abbud	London LL.B. Second Class honours degree. Working at Institute of Advanced Legal Studies to undertake research work for LL.M. degree. Called to the Bar 1944.
N. I. Dajani	Aberystwyth University degree in Economics with statistics and accountancy special subjects.
K. M. Ibrahim	Liverpool honours degree in Law. Called to the Bar. Studying for LL.M. London degree.
S. I. Odeh	Glasgow University Degree in History.
A. Y. Nasr	Cambridge 1st Class honours in Maths Tripos Part I. Now doing Part II in Law.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PAKISTAN,

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6th July, 1950.

In your reply please quote:-
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(55)

Dear Scott,

Please refer to your letter No. F.2781/255 dated 14th October, 1949. The matter was referred to the Government of Pakistan who intimate they regret that there is hardly any likelihood of their being able to offer employment in Government service to any Arab refugees from Palestine since they have already more than enough people in Pakistan to meet their needs.

Yours sincerely,

R. R. Noore

(RaziurRahman Noore)

D.A. Scott, Esq.,
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Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

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NEW ZEALAND.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
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"DEPUTY, LONDON"

TELEPHONE:
TEMPLE BAR
3241

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
415, STRAND,
LONDON, W.C.2.

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18th November, 1949

Dear Scott,

On 14th October, 1949, your file F.2781/255, you wrote to me concerning Palestine Arab Refugees who were formerly officials of the Palestine Government. The list of these refugees which you enclosed, was forwarded to our people in Wellington, who have now asked us to thank you for the information and to tell you that while it is not expected that New Zealand will desire to take advantage of the existence of this pool of Arab-speaking specialists, the list has, however, been referred to the authorities concerned. If the New Zealand Government should decide to take any action in the matter we shall, of course, let you know.

Yours sincerely,

R.B. Taylor

D.A. Scott, Esq.,
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Downing Street, S.W.1.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA,
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11th November, 1949.

Your Reference F.2781/255.

Dear Scott,

(57)

I can just add a word to my letter of October 19th about the list of Palestine Arab refugees which you forwarded with your letter of October 14th.

(55)

I have now heard that our Department has suggested to the Department of Trade and Commerce that if the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Cairo should ever need the services of an Arab-speaking specialist he might consult the British Middle East Officer in Cairo with a view to selecting an assistant from the list of former Civil Servants in Palestine.

Yours sincerely,

A. Rae

D.A. Scott, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
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David Scott Esq.,
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Downing Street,
S.W.1.

Dear Scott,

(55)

Thank you for your letter No. F.2781/255 dated 14 October 1949, which has been forwarded to the Government of Pakistan for information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

R. R. Noore

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA.

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EXTERNAL DEPARTMENT,
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(55)

Dear Mr. Scott,

I am referring to your D.O. letter (Reference F.2781/255) dated the 14th October 1949, to Mr. Haksar, regarding the pool of Arabic-speaking specialists who have grouped themselves together in Cairo in an endeavour to find employment.

Mr. Haksar wishes me to thank you very much for giving us this information.

Yours sincerely,

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(R.A.L. GONET)
for Secretary,
External Department.

David Scott, Esq.,
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
AUSTRALIA HOUSE.
STRAND.
LONDON, W.C.2.

19th October, 1949.

Dear David,

(55)

I acknowledge receipt of your letter (F.2781/255) of 14th October, 1949, with which you sent a list of some ninety Palestine Arab refugees who have grouped themselves together in Cairo in an endeavour to find employment.

I have sent this list to Canberra, in the hope that it may be found possible to do something for them, but my own feeling is that it would be difficult to fit them into Australia's migration programme.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Hill.

David Scott, Esq.,
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19th October, 1949.

Dear Scott:

(55) Thank you for your letter of October 14th in which you enclosed a list of Palestine Arab refugees who have in the past been employees of the Mandatory Government of Palestine, and who are endeavouring to find employment both in the Middle East and elsewhere.

I am forwarding this list to the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa for their information.

Yours sincerely,

H. Rae

D.A. Scott, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

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NEW ZEALAND

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415, STRAND,
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RELATIONS OFFICE

18th October, 1949

Dear Scott,

(55) I am writing to thank you for your letter F.2781/255 of the 14th October, 1949, and for the list of Palestine Arab refugees which has been duly forwarded to Wellington.

Yours sincerely,

R.B. Taylor

D.A. Scott, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

F.2781/255

14th October, 1949.

Dear Noore,

You may remember the correspondence which during October last year passed between Mr. Bevin and Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan on the subject of Arab refugees.

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Clerical, Technical, Police, Teachers, Profession.

The United Kingdom Government attaches great importance to rendering every possible assistance to these refugees, and we are examining the possibility of providing employment for some of them, both in the Middle East and elsewhere.

In the meanwhile it has occurred to us that your Government may like to know of the existence of this pool of Arabic-speaking specialists, all of whom have in the past been employees of the Mandatory Government of Palestine.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) D. A. Scott

R.R. NOORE, ESQ.,
PAKISTAN HOUSE.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

F.2781/255 14th October, 1949.

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(Sgd.) D. A. Scott

P.N. HAKSAR, ESQ.,
INDIA HOUSE.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

E.2781/255 14th October, 1949.

Dear Hewitson,

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T. HEWITSON, ESQ.,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

F.2781/255

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(Sgd.) D. A. Scott

R.B. TAYLOR, ESQ.,
NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT
OFFICE.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

F.2781/255

14th October, 1949.

My dear Brian,

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Yours ever,

(Sgd.) D. A. Scott

BRIAN HILL, ESQ.,
AUSTRALIA HOUSE.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

F.2781/255 14th October, 1949.

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(Mr C-Bruce comes in after)

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Mr. Scott 14.10

Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State

15 OCT 1949

DRAFT letter

1 ~~Esq~~ Dear Rae
2 ~~Esq~~ dear Brian
3 ~~Esq~~ Dear Taylor
4 Dear Heaton
5 Dear Hakson
6 Dear Noon
~~Dear Mahadeva~~

1 S.F. Rae Esq., C'da House
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4 T. Heaton Esq., S. Africa House 4
5 P.N. Hakson, Esq., India House
6 R.L. Noon, Esq., Pakistan House
~~B. Mahadeva, Esq., Ceylon House~~

You may remember that during Oct. last year correspondence which I forwarded ~~had~~ between Mr. Ross in and 1 Mr. St. Laurent
2 Dr. Evatt
3 Mr. Fraser
4 Mr. Lowe
5 Pandit Nehru
6 Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan
on the subject of Atom Bombs.

We have now received

/from

Further action.

Printing.

c.c. 1 encl. & w/c covering letter (54) (cc Mr Wu)

from the British Middle East Office,

Cairo, a list of some 90

Palestinian refugees compiled from

ex-Palestine Government officials who

have grouped themselves together in

Cairo in an endeavour to find employment.

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I enclose a copy of this list, which,

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The U.K. Govt attaches great importance to rendering every possible assistance to these refugees, and we are examining the possibility of providing employment for some of them, both in the Middle East and elsewhere.

~~but in the meanwhile it has occurred to us that the list might be of assistance to your Govt.~~

In the meanwhile it has occurred to us that your Govt. may like to know of the existence of this pool of Arabic-speaking specialists, all of whom have in the past been employees of the Mandatory Govt. of Palestine.

Yours sincerely,

[To 2 only] Yours ever,

OKS Scott

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote
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and address—
not to any person by name
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"The Under-Secretary of State,"
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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

FOREIGN OFFICE.
S.W.1

16th September, 1949

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Attlee to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a circular letter which has been sent by the British Middle East Office, Cairo, to His Majesty's Missions in the Middle East, together with a list of ex-Palestine Government officials who are now refugees and who are seeking employment.

2. I am to state that Mr. Attlee attaches the greatest importance to rendering every possible assistance to these refugees. He would therefore be grateful if urgent consideration could be given to the possibility of employing any of these officials in the Commonwealth.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

BRITISH MIDDLE EAST OFFICE,
10, SHARIA TOLUMBAT,
CAIRO.

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12th July, 1949.

We send you herewith a list of some 90 Palestinian refugees compiled by an unofficial committee of ex-Palestine Government officials who have grouped themselves together in Cairo in an endeavour to find employment.

We should be very grateful if you would examine this list and let us know if there are any posts in your area which these persons might fill, either in Government service or in commercial undertakings.

We shall be receiving further lists of refugees who are anxious to find work and we propose to keep a record of all vacant posts. For this record we ask you to send us the following particulars of any vacancies of which you hear :-

i) Salary and allowances.
ii) Length of contract.
iii) Qualifications required - a) necessary
b) desirable
iv) Whether free housing is provided.
v) If free medical treatment is provided.
vi) If travelling expenses on taking up and terminating employment for appointee and family will be provided.
vii) Are there any provisions for leave, paid or unpaid, including any leave passage allowance?

Arrangements will be made through this office to fill all vacancies notified to us with the least possible delay and we hope that you will find it possible to collaborate with us in helping these persons who are most anxious to obtain settled employment.

We are sending copies of this letter and enclosure to H.M.R.R. at Amman, Bagdad, Damascus, Beirut, Tehran, Jedda, Addis Ababa, Bahrein, Cyprus, Aden, Khartoum, to F.O.A.A.T. Agency, Cairo (for Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and Eritrea) and to G.H.Q. M.E.L.F. and H.Q. R.A.F., M.E. A copy is being sent to Middle East Secretariat, Foreign Office, for information.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

CLERICAL

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post	Where he prefers to be appointed.
Abdul Ghani Ismail Agha El Khier	P.O.B. 56 Nablus	37	Married	3	M.	Third Secondary Najah College, Nablus	English & Arabic	Arabic & English Typist, Police Dept.	Any Arab Country.
Moayed Kanadilo	c/o Sidky El Abweh Nablus	21	"	-	M.	Sub-matric.	English and Arabic	Arabic-English Typist and Clerk Teacher	Saudi Arabia.
Moussa Rashid Kamal	c/o Ibrahim Soufen Nablus	26	Single	-	M.	Second Secondary	English & Arabic		Libya
Ahmad Tahsin Kheiry	Family House Pension 15 Abdel Malek Tharwat Pasha Str., Cairo.	48	Married	1	M.	Certificate of Legal Studies, Jerusalem.	English & Arabic	Chief Clerk of Magistrate Court, Jaffa	Any Arab Country.
Kamel Said Khalafawi	19 Mukhtar Str., Rodah, Cairo.	26	Single	-	M.	Secondary Education.	English & Arabic	English & Arabic Typist	Any Arab Country.
Mohammed Hassan Shafour	P.O.B. 136 Cairo.	29	"	-	M.	B.A. Commerce of Amer. University Beyrouth.	English & Arabic	Chief Clerk Income Tax Dept. English & Arabic Typist.	Saudi Arabia

Name.	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications.	Languages	Nature of his post.	Where he prefers to be appointed.
Salameh Mursi Jabr	52, Sharia Zananiri Cleopatra Quarter Alexandria	40	Married	10	M.	Palestine Matric.	English & Arabic	Finance Officer Asst. Inspector of Income Tax Dept. Accountant.	Anywhere.
Khalil Ahmad Hashem.	1, Tewfikieh Str., Cairo.	48	"	4	M.	Police Education.	English & Arabic	Police Officer	Any Arab Country
Ibrahim S. Keri	24, Cleopatra Street, Heliopolis.	33	"	1	C.	Freres School Jerusalem	English & Arabic.	General Clerk and Typist, 60 words per minute.	Anywhere.
Jack Lewis Yamini	Gaza	22	Single	-	C.	Nazareth Govt. School	English & Arabic	Auditor in Audit Dept.	-do-
Ali Kateb Jaouni	c/o Ishac Ouri Arab Bank, Port Said.	27	"	-	M.	Nahda College 1940 American University 1940-1942	English & Arabic	Food Price Controller in Food Control.	-do-
Mustafa Yusef Hamawi	Daraj Quarter Gaza.	25	"	-	M.	Certificate of Secondary School.	English & Arabic	Typist in Pal. Railways.	-do-
Fadel Saleem Abu Fadel	c/o Clearance Officer of Pal. Govt. Officers Barclays Bank, Cairo.	42	Married	2	C.	St. Georges School Jerusalem	English & Arabic.	Clerk in the Accounts branch Pal. Railways	-do-

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post	Where he prefers to be appointed.
...sef Abu So'ud	9, Manshat El Mihrabi, Ismailieh Square, Cairo.	34	Married	2	M.	Matric. Standard of St. Luke's School, Safed	English & Arabic	General Clerk in Immigration Dept.	Anywhere
...dul Raouf Kamal	P.O.B. 28, Gaza.	30	Single	-	M.	Freshman of Amer. University	English & Arabic	Storekeeper in P.W.D.	-do-
...ton Ibrahim ...hi.	c/o Elias Nahas 40, Shamia Habib Daher, Cairo	38	Married	2	C.	Salizian College	English Arabic & French	General Clerk in Income Tax Dept.	Any Colony
...thi Jaber	c/o Mahmoud Nasser, 43, Bab El Bahr St., Cairo.	23	Single	-	M.	Govt. Secondary School	English & Arabic	General Clerk in Income Tax Dept.	Anywhere
...dul Salam Yasef ...jani	c/o Haj Mohammed Amin Soudi, Cotton Merchant, 57, Azhar Str., Cairo.	43	Married	4	M.	C.M.S. School Jerusalem, Pal. Matric.	English & Arabic	General Clerk in Income Tax Dept.	-do-
...ad Nakib	42, Daher Street, Cairo.	37	"	2	M.	Diploma of French College	English, French & Arabic	Typist, General Clerk in Customs Dept.	-do-
...leh Hammad	c/o Mahmoud Nasser, 43, Bab el Bahr Str., Cairo.	37	"	4	M.	Jerusalem Secondary School	English & Arabic	General Clerk in Customs Dept.	-do-

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational Qualifications	Languages	Nature of his Post.	Where he prefers to be appointed
Anton Fanous	c/o Habra Brothers 18, Fouad Street, Cairo.	35	Single	-	C.	St. George's School Jerusalem	English & Arabic	Chief Clerk in General Administration.	Anywhere
Ahmad S. Bodeiri	1, Mameluk Street, Heliopolis	38	Married	2	M.	St. George's School Jerusalem	English & Arabic	Cashier in General Administration	-do-
Tahsin El Bakri	Gaza	29	"	-	M.	Terra Sancta College Jerusalem	English & Arabic.	General Clerk in Judicial Department.	-do-
Sabri El Afghany	1, Sharia Yusef Mustafa, Manyal El Roda, Cairo	39	"	10	M.	Jaffa Secondary School	English & Arabic	General Clerk in Judicial Department.	-do-
Raef Dajani	37, Sharia Ibrahim Pasha, Heliopolis	23	Single	-	M.	Gobat Bishop School, Jerusalem - American University Beirut	English	Typist in the Supreme Court	-do-
Ahmad Shukri Taho	c/o Passport Officer, Cairo.	26	Married	2	M.	Rashidieh College, Jerusalem.	English & Arabic	General Clerk in Police Department.	-do-
Aziz Daoudi	c/o Khalil Ibrahim Khalil, Cairo Street, Ismailieh, Egypt.	44	"	2	M.	Secondary Education.	English & Arabic	Chief Clerk in Police Department.	-do-

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post	Where he prefers to be appointed
Saleem Hammami	c/o Mohammed Shirkawi, Sharia Ismail, Port Said	38	Married	2	M.	Freres College & Freshman of American University	English, Arabic & French	General Clerk in Land Registry.	Anywhere
Mohammed Mosni Jarrah	19 Hedaek El Kubbeh, Cairo.	47	"	6	M.	Acre Secondary School	English & Arabic	General Clerk in Land Registry	Anywhere in the Near East.

TECHNICAL.

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post.	Where he prefers to be appointed.
Taher Sabasi	P.O.B. 49, Gaza	30	Married	-	M.	Terra Sancta School.	English & Arabic	Mechanical work in P.W.D.	Anywhere
Ahmad Ramadan Khalifeh	Refugees' Camp Kantara.	24	Single	-	M.	Elementary Education	Arabic	Train Driver Pal. Railways	-do-
Mahmoud Jaouni	Refugees' Camp Kantara.	46	Married	-	M.	Elementary Education	Arabic	Wagon Examiner Pal. Railways	-do-
Fouad Abdel Wahed	14 Bolac Ghawaber St., Cairo.	27	Single	-	M.	Secondary Education	English & Arabic	Fitter in Pal. Railways	-do-
Yacoub Kostandi	75 Bakri Street	25	"	-	C.	Freres School	English & Arabic	Stoker, Pal. Railways.	-do-
Ibrahim Abdulla El Masri	c/o Sayed Ali Naser 20, Midan El Sayedah, Cairo.	22	"	-	M.	Secondary Education	English & Arabic	Automobile Driver in Police Dept.	-do-
Kamal Said Khalafawi	19 Lukhtar St., Rodah - Cairo.	26	"	-	M.	Haifa Industry School	English & Arabic	Inspector of Cables Posts & Telegraphs Dept.	Any Arab Country.

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post.	Where he prefers to be appointed.
Jawad Ahmud Azzouni	14, Sharia Saman, Mustafa Pasha quarter Alexandria.	30	Single	-	M.	2nd. Sec. Education	English & Arabic	Mechanic	Any Arab Country.
Mussa Rashid Kamal	c/o Ibrahim Sofan Nablus	26	"	-	M.	Secondary	English & Arabic	Auto-Driver	Any Arab Country.
Ghaleb Abou Khadra	No. 2, Sharia Mani, Hadaek El Kubbeh, Cairo	21	"	-	M.	-do-	English & Arabic	Mechanic	Anywnere
Shou'arb Ahmad Dirbi	c/o Ibrahim Shami, 32 Sharia Ahmad Pasha Kamal, Jaziret Badran Choubrah.	28	"	-	M.	-do-		Press Printing Work	Anywhere
Abdul Rahman Zaki Ragheb	13 Bain El Ganayen, Wayli Cairo.		"	-	M.	-	Arabic	Press Printing Work.	Anywhere
Adel Shafic Dajani	3 Sharia Kominos Heliopolis.	31	"	-	M.	Secondary	English & Arabic	Electrician Mechanic	-do-

POLICE

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educaltional qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post	Where he prefers to be appointed
Fouad Mohammed Ali	Khan Yunis, Pal.	33	Single	-	M.	Jaffa Secondary	English & Arabic	Police in C.I.D. Section.	Anywhere
Nazmi Mohammed Ali	Khan Yunis, Pal.	30	"	-	M.	Arab College Jerusalem	English & Arabic.	Constable in Investigation Section.	-do-
Wajeeh Mushah Khairy	c/o Haj Fawzi Harayzi Behind Municipality, Gaza	34	Married	3	M.	Rodet El Maaref Secondary School Jerusalem.	English & Arabic	Corporal	-do-
Ibrahim Abdullah El Masri	c/o Sayed Aly Nasser, 20, Midan El Sayedah, Cairo.	22	Single	-	M.	Secondary Education.	English & Arabic	Police Constable	-do-
Mohammed Zakaria Assouli	Khan Yunis, Pal.	30	"	-	M.	Secondary Education.	English & Arabic.	Police Constable.	-do-
Khalil Mustafa Agha	Khan Yunis, Pal.	30	Married	2	M.	Secondary Education.	English & Arabic.	Police Constable.	-do-
Ahmad Saleem Khaldi	c/o Haj Id Abdul Hafez, 24, Sharia Ibrahim, Heliopolis	25	Single	-	M.	Omarieh Secondary School	English & Arabic.	Police Constable in Investigation Section.	-do-
Khalil Ahmad Hashem	1, Tewfilieh Str., Cairo.	48	Married	4	M.	Police Education	English & Arabic	Police Officer, Inspector of Investigation.	Libya or any Arab Country.

Judicial

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post.	Work and where he likes to be appointed.
Salat Shukri Dajani	Sporting Club Heliopolis Egypt.	32	Married	1	M.	Certificate of Law classes, Jerusalem & Palestine Matriculation.	Arabic & English	Magistrate	Administrative or Legal work. Anywhere.
Ahmad Tahsin Khairy	Family Pension 15 Abdul Khalek Tharwet Pasha Street, Cairo.	48	"	1	M.	Certificate of Law classes, Jerusalem.	Arabic & English	Notary Public Execution Officer cashier, Assessor of Court fees and chief clerk.	Near East and Middle East.
Hashem Dajani	46 Turaat El Gabal Hadack el Kubbeh, Cairo.	52	"	5	M.	Certificate of Law classes, Jerusalem.	Arabic & English	Execution Officer	Libya.
Said Ala Eddin	c/o Mahmalgy Bldg Ein el Kirsh Damascus, Syria		Single	-	M.	Liverpool University British Legal training.	Arabic & English	Judge in District Court	Libya.

Names of the University students who wish to work during the University vacation
16.6.49 - 10.10.49.

Name	Address	Age	Educational Qualifications	Profession	Language
Salim Ibrahim El Moussa of Kafr Ana	Pension Family House 15 Abdul Khaleh Tharwat Pasha St. Cairo.	22	Second Year Medicine Fouad 1st. University.	Student	Arabic and English
Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Abo Amara of Jaffa	35 Sharia Awad Shubra El Khaimat Cairo.	21	1st. Year Science Farouk University	Student	Arabic and English
Hamzeh El Madi of Ijzim.	Family House Pension 15 Abdul Khalek Tharwat Pasha Street.	22	Second Year Medicine Fouad 1st. University	Student	Arabic and English
Mohammed Malah Khairy of Jaffa	Family House Pension 15 Abdul Khalek Tharwat Pasha Street.	21	1st. Year Medicine Fouad 1st. University	Student	Arabic and English
Akram Mohammed Fayousi of Tulkarm	Family House Pension 15 Abdul Khalek Tharwat Pasha Street.	22	Second Year Medicine Fouad 1st. University	Student	Arabic and English

Teachers

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications.	Languages.	Nature of his Post.	Where he likes to be appointed.
Arafat Duwayk	Kalaat El Roda, Haret Tewfic Bey Rajab No. 6 Roda, Cairo.	46	Married	2	M.	B.A. of American University at Beirut.	Arabic, English and French	Head Master and Lecturer of English language	Any where in the Near East and Africa.
Mahmoud Ali Ghoul	14 Birgas St. Garden City, Cairo.	25	Single	-	M.	B.A. of Fouad University Cairo.	Arabic and English	Lecturer at Arab College Jerusalem	Any where.
Tewfiq Hourani	Khan Junis Govt. School	24	"	-	C.	Friend Boys School, Ramalla, Hebron Secondary schools' Certificate.	Arabic, English and Latin.	Teacher	Cyprus, Koweit, Bahrein, Oman and Aden.
Khalid Hassan	Refugees Camp Kantara East.	23	"	-	M.	Pal Matriculation	Arabic & English	Teacher	Bahrein, Oman, Aden Cyprus, Koweit.
Ali Hassan Abu Kamal	Haret Daraj Gaza Sayed Hashem Mosque	22	"	-	M.	Ramleh Secondary School and Amrya School Jaffa	Arabic & English	Teacher	Any where.

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Abdul Fattah Darwish	Zeitoun Quarter, Gaza.	37	Married	5	M.	Matriculation of Arab College Jerusalem.	Arabic & English	Head Master & Teacher.	Any where.
Said Ahmad Tibi	10 Sharia El Bahri Karakol Shubra	27	"	-	M.	Al Azhar College.	Arabic	Lecturer	Any where
Mohammed Salum Awad	c/o Ahmad Zuhair Faculty of Medicine Kasr el Ainy	50	"	7	M.	Arab College Jerusalem.	Arabic, English, Kurdish and Turkish.	Teacher	Kuweit and Oman.
Buhij Ragheb	7 Sharia Mohd. Bey Bader of Shari Kobri El Kubbeh	23	Single	-	M.	Al Amirya Secondary School	Arabic & English	Teacher	Any where
Mattar Nakhalah	Gaza Post Office	26	Married	2	M.	Gaza Govt. School and P. Matriculation.	Arabic & English.	Teacher	Kuweit
Abdul Majed Yusef Saleh	Refugees Camp Khan Junis	32	"	-	M.	Khadouri Agr. School	Arabic & English	Teacher	Any where

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational Qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post.	Where he likes to be appointed.
Wasfi El Nimer	c/o Kamel eff. El Dayeh 38 New Boulac St. Cairo.	29	Single	-	M.	Arab College & L.L.B. London University	Arabic, English & Latin.	Teacher	Any where.
Mohammed Hadi el Haj Meer	c/o Arab Bank Cairo	48	Married	1	M.	Doctor degree in History of German University.	Arabic, English & German.	Lecturer in Arab College Jerusalem.	Any where in Near East.
Rashid Mussa Kamal.	c/o Ibrahim Soufan, Nablus.	52	"	-	M.			Teacher	Lybia.

P r o f e s s i o n a l

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications.	Languages	Nature of his post	Where he likes to be appointed.
Jawad Ad-Daoudi	9 Kasr el Tahra Str. Kubbeh, Cairo.	32	Married	1	M.	Certificate in Agriculture Univ. of California, U.S.A. in Majoring in Horticulture and Poultry.	Arabic & English	Inspector of School Gardens, Agricultural Education.	Any colony
Haj Meer	Cairo	48	"		M.	Doctor degree in History of German University.	Arabic, English & German.	Jerusalem	Any where in Near East.
Nasuh Shawa	Gaza	40	"	-	M.	American University at Beirut 1926-29.	Arabic & English	Surveyor in Land Settlement Dept.	Any where.
Mohammed Ali Khayyat	Public Health Dept. Gaza.	30	Single	-	M.	Pharmacy Diploma American University at Beirut	Arabic, English & French	Pharmacist in Dept. of Health.	Cyprus, Aden, Kuweit Bahrein.
Issa Habib Habib	No. 1 Sharia Zaki bey, El Daher, Cairo.	36	Married	3	C.	Brother School, Jaffa.	Arabic & English	Surveyor in the Survey Dept.	Any where.
Rahed Said El Saadi	29 El Abbassieh St. Cairo	37	"	3	M.	Gaza Secondary School	Arabic & English	Surveyor in the Survey Dept.	Any where.
Naim Abdul Rahim Derhalli.	5 Haret Farid, Sharia El Wakkad, Cairo.	39	"	5	M.	Jaffa Secondary School.	Arabic & English	Surveyor in the Survey Dept.	Any where.

Name	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post	Where he likes to be appointed.
Shafic Khartabeel	c/o Dr. Adeeb Khartabeel, Tulkarm, Pal.				M.	Veterinarian, Foued University.	English & Arabic	Veterinary Doctor	Middle East.
Ali el Hamsani	Taher Book-shop, P.O. 81, Nablus	30	Single	-	M.	Jaffa Secondary School.	English & Arabic	Surveyor in Survey Dept. 1938-48 draftsman	Libya.
Khaled Tewfic Tubaleb	Arab Club, Nablus.	25	"	-	M.	4th. Secondary Najah College, Nablus.	English & Arabic.	Field Surveyor 1945-48.	Libya.
Ibrahim Sofan	Nablus	39	Married	5	M.	Palestine Matric.	English & Arabic	Surveyor all Branches Field & Office 1929-48.	-do-
Jamil Said Mosmar	Nablus	40	"	-	M.	Palestine Matric	English & Arabic.	Surveyor, Field 1927-48	Saudi Arabia
H.A. Bastawi	"	41	"	-	M.	Sec. School, Nablus.	English & Arabic	Surveyor 1929-48	Libya.
Ahmad Tahsin Khairy	Family Pension 15 Sharia Abdul Khalek Thorwat Pasha, Cairo.	46	"	1	M.	Certificate of Law classes, Jerusalem.	English & Arabic.	Notary Public & Execution Officer, Judicial Department.	Any Arab Country.

Name.	Address	Age	Single or Married	No. of Child.	Religion.	Educational qualifications	Languages	Nature of his post.	Where he likes to be appointed
Hashem Dajani	46 Turaat El Gabal, Hadaek el Kubbeh, Cairo.	52	Married	5	M.	Certificate of Law classes, Jerusalem.	English & Arabic.	Execution Officer Judicial Department	Libya
Abdul Salam Yaseef.	c/o Haj Mchd. Amin Seoudi 57, Sharia al Azhar, Cairo.	40	"	4	M.	Bishop Gobat School, Jerusalem.	English & Arabic & Turkish	Draftsman, Telegraphist and Asst. Registrar of Lands.	Anywhere
Saher Ahmad Alibi	Anabta Village Tulkarm, Palestine.	38	"	8	M.		English & Arabic	Field Surveyor	-do-
Jamal Hashem Salah	Sharia El Malek El Saleh Harat El Barghas No. 5, Shubra - Cairo.	22	Single	-	M.	Silesian School Haifa	English & Arabic	Typist and Telegraph operator.	-do-

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Office of the High Commissioner,
Earnscliffe,
Ottawa.

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No. 68

Date 26th Feb. 1949.

The High Commissioner in Canada for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom presents his compliments to The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, London and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

Reference to previous correspondence:

DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURES	DATE
Department of External Affairs, Press Release, No. 12	24 Feb. 1949

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

PRESS RELEASE

INFORMATION DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA - CANADA

FOR RELEASE AT 11 A.M., FEBRUARY 24, 1949

NO. 12 February 24, 1949.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that 600 tons of wheat flour are being shipped at once for the relief of refugees in the Middle East. This shipment, which is in response to a resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, will be followed by approximately 50,000 cases of canned fish and 50,000 bushels of white beans. Mr. Stanton Griffis, Director of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees, has "acknowledged with deep gratitude" the Canadian Government's offer of wheat flour, fish and beans.

An estimated number of 700,000 refugees, both Arabs and Jews, have been driven from their homes in Palestine. Most of them are women, children and old people and are now living in the adjoining states of Lebanon, Transjordan, Syria and Egypt. People in these states have done a remarkable job of sheltering, clothing and feeding the refugees, but they are now near the end of their resources and cannot carry on unless they receive outside help. Transjordan alone, with a settled population of less than 200,000, is now attempting to care for an estimated 100,000 refugees.

To illustrate existing conditions in these Middle East countries, Mr. Pearson quoted from a press despatch:

> "Children are said to be dying of measles in considerable numbers. There is nothing particularly virulent about the measles epidemic itself but the children are so weakened by pneumonia and dysentery that they are unable to resist the disease."

In November the General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution asking member countries to contribute money, goods and services to a total of $32 million, in order to keep the refugees until the next food crop in the Middle East becomes available in August, 1949. Some countries have already made gifts of tents, medicines or clothing, according to what each can offer.

Mr. Pearson said that in Canada there are surplus supplies of several kinds of foodstuffs for which no commercial market exists, and arrangements are being made through the various Commodity Prices Support Boards to donate some of these foodstuffs to the United Nations Director for the Relief of Palestine Refugees.

Several months ago the Canadian Government donated about a quarter of a million dollars worth of such supplies to the Canadian Red Cross Society for relief purposes in the Middle East.

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No. 236

My telegram 17th November No. 1002,

Arab Refugees.

Secretary for External Affairs announced on 24th February that in response to resolution in General Assembly of United Nations, Canadian Government were shipping 600 tons of wheaten flour "for relief of refugees in Middle East" and that this would be followed by approximately 50,000 cases of canned fish and 50,000 bushels of wheaten flour.

Copy to:-

Foreign Office Mr. B.A.B. Burrows
Miss C. Waterlow

File

25 FEB 1949

TIMES

CANADIAN FOOD FOR REFUGEES

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

OTTAWA, FEB. 24

Mr. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, has reported that 600 tons of wheat flour are being shipped at once from Canada for the relief of refugees in the Middle East and that 50,000 cases of canned fish and 50,000 bushels of white beans are to be shipped later.

The shipments represent a Canadian response to the resolution passed by the United Nations which called upon member countries to contribute money, food, and services to sustain refugees in the Middle East until the crops are gathered there in August. Most of the refugees, whose numbers are estimated at 700,000 Jews and Arabs, were driven from their homes in Palestine. They are now living in the Lebanon, Transjordan, Syria, and Egypt, and, while these countries have done much to feed and shelter them, resources from others are also needed.

Mr. Pearson said that Canada had a surplus of several kinds of foodstuffs for which no commercial market existed and that arrangements had been made to donate some of them for the relief of Palestine refugees. A few months ago the Government also contributed $250,000 worth of such supplies to the Canadian Red Cross Society for relief purposes in the Middle East.

D.O.

DRAFT AND RECORD COPY

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Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street.

F 2781/255

18th February, 1949.

CONFIDENTIAL

DRAFT

MR. Martin

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Dear Bottomley,

I enclose herewith for your information copies of three letters dated 16th October, 20th October and 4th November, 1948, from Mr. Bevin to Mr. Louw on the subject of relief for refugees in Palestine, together with a copy of Mr. Louw's reply dated 26th October, 1948.

I must apologise for the delay in forwarding these letters to you.

Yours sincerely,

V.C.M.

ENCLOSURES

Copies of three letters from Mr. Bevin to Mr.Louw dated 16th and 20th October and 4th November,1948, with copy of reply dated 26th Oct.'48.

FURTHER ACTION

To

J.R.A. BOTTOMLEY, ESQ.,
~~PRETORIA~~.
CAPETOWN.

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COPY. (E 14146/10748/31) FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

4th November, 1948.

CONFIDENTIAL

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(Sgd.) Ernest Bevin.

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Délégation de l'Union de l'Afrique du Sud,
Hotel Claridge,
Avenue des Champs-Elyseés,
P A R I S.

CONFIDENTIAL

26th October, 1948.

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CONFIDENTIAL 20th October, 1948.

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The immediate objectives seem to be that we should reach agreement to press both in the Children's Fund meeting and in Committee 3 for the immediate use of all possible funds to strengthen the Disaster Relief Organisation. We strongly support the idea that 5½ million dollars out of the money transferred to the Children's Fund by UNRRA should be used for the Arab refugees, as recommended by UNRRA. So far as Committee 3 is concerned, we hope that as many governments as possible will support a resolution which we have drafted and circulated in Paris calling for the strengthening of the Disaster Relief Organisation and for contributions from states members of the United Nations. We very much hope that Commonwealth Governments will sympathetically consider the idea of announcing in the Committee that they will make their contributions available at once so as to give a lead to other governments to provide the organisation with funds and supplies which it desperately needs.

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/representatives

THE RT. HON. L.S. St. LAURENT, K.C.

THE HON. E.H. LOUW.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

16th October, 1948.

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FOREIGN OFFICE. S.W.1.

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THE HON. E.H. LOUW.
~~PANDIT J. NEHRU~~
~~MR. LIAQUAT ALI KHAN~~

UK

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

F2781/255

4th January, 1949.

My dear Harold,

Will you please refer to my letter (F2781/265) of 15th November. I now enclose a copy of Mr.Fraser's reply to the Foreign Secretary's letter of 4th November, which has only recently reached us.

Yours ever,

(D.A.SCOTT).

H.SMEDLEY, ESQ.,
WELLINGTON.

Dominion of New Zealand

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,
Hotel de Crillon,
Paris.

23rd November, 1948.

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It is my hope that the rest of the assistance, which will be the result of the United Nations action, will be as quickly supplied.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) P.Fraser.

The Right Hon.Ernest Bevin,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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H. Smedley, Esq
Wellington

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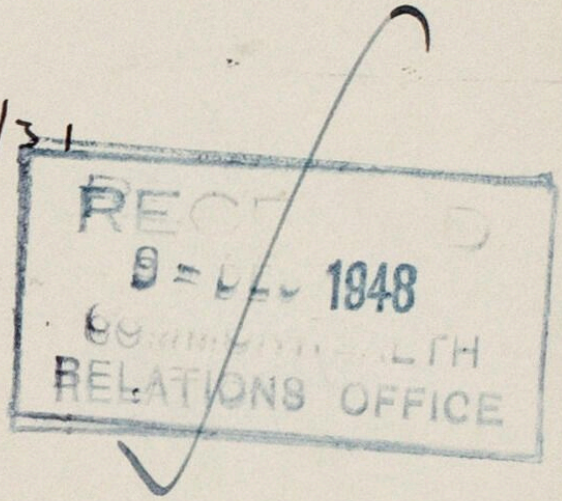

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E 1141/1074/11

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~~WELLINGTON~~

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P. Fraser,

The Right Hon. Ernest Bevin,
Foreign Office,
LONDON S.W.1.

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

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FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA

D. 17th November, 1948 5.10 p.m.
R. 18th " 1948 3.05 a.m.

RECEIVED 22 FEB 1949 COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

No. 1002 CONFIDENTIAL (20)

My telegram No. 915 of 14th October.

ARAB REFUGEES

Canadian Red Cross have decided that their contribution will be to pay for transportation to Beirut of 40,000 cases of canned fish which Canadian authorities have made available from Government stocks. It is understood that transport expenses will considerably exceed the dollars 25,000 which Red Cross were thinking of spending on food purchases. Consignment is due to leave Canada by ship on 15th December.

2. As regards United Nations contributions for Palestine relief, we gather at the official level that there are doubts here whether anything useful will be done on the voluntary basis which has now been proposed and a preference for the original idea of assessment in accordance with budget contributions. Canadian authorities are however a little embarrassed in their approach to this problem by their inability to agree unconditionally to allocation of funds without approval of Parliament which is not due to reassemble until the 20th January.

Copy to:-

18.11.48

Foreign Office Mr. B.A.B. Burrows
Miss C. Waterlow

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Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street.

F.2781/55.

19th November, 1948.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Shattock,

I enclose, for your information, copies of a recent exchange of letters between Mr. Bevin and Pandit Nehru on the subject of relief for refugees in Palestine.

You may like to know that Mr. Bevin made a note on the letter of 29th October from Pandit Nehru to the effect that he realized India's difficulties when he wrote and had informed Pandit Nehru in Paris that he understood his position.

Yours sincerely,

M A Scott

J.S.H. SHATTOCK, ESQ., O.B.E.

NEW DELHI.

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Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street.

F.2781/55. 19th November, 1948.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Burnett,

I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter from Mr. Bevin to the Pakistan Prime Minister dated 16th October on the subject of relief for refugees in Palestine.

So far as I know no written reply was received from Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan, although I have no doubt that he discussed the matter with Mr. Bevin in Paris.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Scott

R.R. BURNETT, ESQ., C.I.E., O.B.E.

KARACHI.

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F.2781/255.

Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street.

19th November, 1948.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Batey
Bass

I enclose, for your information, copies of letters sent by Mr. Bevin to

(To 1) Mr. St. Laurent
(To 2) Dr. Evatt

(To both) on 16th and 20th October on the subject of relief for refugees in Palestine,.

(To 1 only) together with a copy of Mr. St. Laurent's reply to the earlier letter.

(To both) Yours sincerely,

(D.A. SCOTT)

(1) J.K. BATEY, ESQ.
OTTAWA.

(2) H.G.M. BASS, ESQ.
CANBERRA.

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DRAFT. s/o letter

J.K. Batey, Esq
Ottawa

H.G.M. Bass, Esq
Canberra

Dear Batey / Bass

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Foreign Office,

11th November, 1948.

PRIME MINISTER,
INDIA.

1. S/S.
2. Mr. Wilkes. Paris
3. Mr. Rumbold 3.11
4 Mr Burrows. 3/11.

George V Hotel,
Paris,
October 29, 1948.

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My dear Foreign Secretary,

Sometime back, I received your letter of the 16th October about the plight of Arab refugees in Palestine and outside. I spoke to you about it and told you that we were very much concerned about this problem. We have ourselves had to face during the past year a colossal problem of refugees involving about six million people. This has been a terrible burden on us apart from the human misery involved. We have gone some way towards its solution but obviously the real solution will take years.

Because of this, we are hardly in a position to do much for the Arab refugees but in order to show our sympathy, we sent Rs. 100,000 to Count Bernadotte in response to his appeal. I shall gladly place your letter before my Government. I fear, however, that any assistance that we can give can only be of a token nature.

Yours sincerely,
Jawaharlal Nehru

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The Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin,
M.P.,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
United Kingdom Government,
57, Avenue D'Iene,
Paris.

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The Under-Secretary of State
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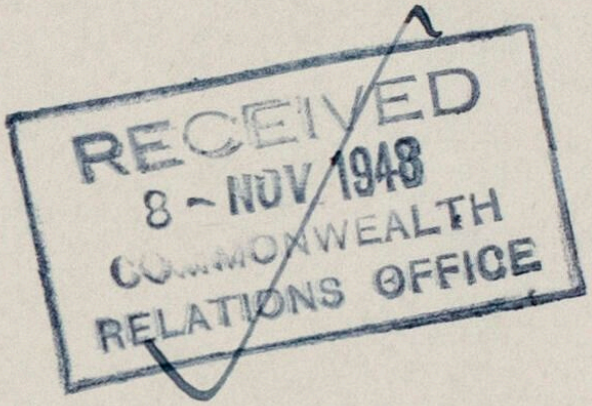

Foreign Office,

6th November, 1948.

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4th November, 1948.

(E 14147/10748/31)

Confidential

Dear Peter,

I am writing to thank you for the swift action you have taken in response to my letter of October 20th about Arab refugees, in instructing the New Zealand representative on the International Children's Emergency Fund to support our recommendation that $6,000,000 received by the Fund from U.N.R.R.A. should be allocated to the needs of the refugees.

I understand that it was your decision to support us in this matter which turned the scales when the recommendation came before the Executive Board of the Children's Fund on October 29th, and enabled us to obtain a favourable vote. In view of the delays which we are experiencing in the Third Committee in our attempts to secure an organisation and the necessary funds from Member States of the United Nations to meet the needs of the refugees, I am sure that you will share my great relief and satisfaction that this substantial sum from the Children's Fund is now available for immediate expenditure on a part of the problem - thereby I hope making it possible to avert, at least for the time being, the threat of a major disaster.

Yours sincerely

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The Right Honourable
Peter Fraser, C.H.

Enc (H)

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The High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs and has the honour to transmit a copy of the undermentioned document.

Commonwealth Relations

High Commissioner's Office.

3rd November 1948.

Reference to previous correspondence

High Commissioner's telegram No. 359 of 9th October, 1948.

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Description and Date.	Subject.
Extract from Rand Daily Mail of 30th October, 1948	Union Aid to Palestine Refugees.

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EXTRACT FROM "RAND DAILY MAIL" OF 30/10/48

UNION WILL GO ON HELPING REFUGEES IN PALESTINE

PARIS, Friday.—The Union Government would continue to participate voluntarily, with other members of the United Nations, in providing relief for refugees in Palestine, Mr. G. P. Jooste (South Africa) told the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the United Nations here to-night.

Mr. Jooste said that the Union Government had been impressed by the sacrifices of the Arab States in their efforts to alleviate the suffering of the refugees, but the Union realised that the relief given by those States would have to be augmented from outside.

The committee interrupted its discussions on human rights to tackle the problem of Palestine's 500,000 refugees. The cost of their relief is estimated at 29,500,000 dollars (about £7,375,000), about equal to the total of the United Nations own budget.

SHIPMENTS OF MEAT

"It is for this reason that, when the first appeal was received from the United Nations mediator, the Union Government immediately arranged for the shipment to Palestine of supplies of meat—one of the commodities specifically requested by the mediator—said Mr. Jooste.

"Unfortunately, the second commodity required—wheat—could not be supplied from the Union, as we also are dependent on external resources for much of our own requirements of this commodity, which is in such short supply."

Mr. Jooste said that when the Union Government had been informed by Mr. Eric Louw of the continued seriousness of the position, it had decided to render what assistance was possible again, and he had now been advised that a further substantial quantity of foodstuffs had been made available for early delivery to Palestine.

UNO TO RELEASE FUNDS

The joint resolution also requested the immediate release of 5,000,000 dollars (about £1,250,000) from the United Nations Working Capital Fund to help the refugees.

The Executive Committee of the International Children's Emergency Fund approved, by 12 votes to nine, a British resolution to release 6,000,000 dollars (about £1,500,000) from the fund for the relief of Arab women and children refugees.—SAPA.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

F.2781/255

5th November, 1948.

Dear Burrows,

You will remember our conversations about giving publicity to Commonwealth contributions for the relief of Arab refugees in Palestine.

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I now enclose a copy of a Press statement made by the Australian Prime Minister on 14th October which may be of interest.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) CM Walker

B.A.B. BURROWS, ESQ.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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[Qb for Mr. Walker]

DRAFT. s/o letter

B.A.B. Burrows, Esq

F.O.

Dear Burrows

~~I enclose a~~

You will remember our conversation about giving publicity to Commonwealth contributions for the relief of Arab refugees in Palestine.

I (now) enclose a copy of a Press statement made by the Australian Prime

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Prime Minister on 14th October

which may be of interest.

John Sinclair

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The High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned document on the subject of Palestine - Food Relief.

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
CANBERRA, 26th October, 1948.

Reference to previous correspondence.

Secretary of State's telegram No. 581 of the 1st October.

Enclosure.

DATE. 1948.	DESCRIPTION.
14th October	Press statement by the Prime Minister.

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FOR PRESS.

Statement by the Prime Minister.

PALESTINE-FOOD RELIEF.

For the relief of Arab and Jewish refugees in Palestine, 1000 tons of wheat, 50 tons of butter and 50 tons of cheese are on their way to the United Nations acting mediator. This consignment of food is being carried in two ships, the "Nyhorn" and the "Hermion".

The allocation of relief food was made at the request of Count Bernadotte, shortly before his assassination. Of the refugees, 30 per cent are children under 5 years and the remainder are mostly women and elderly people.

The relief supplies are part of Australia's £4,000,000 allocation for post-UNRRA relief. The despatch of this food to Palestine will not affect supplies available for Britain. The Director of United Nations Relief (Sir Raphael Cilento) will supervise the distribution of the food.

Arrangements for the despatch of this food necessitated investigation of Middle East facilities for the handling of bulk supplies, and availability of shipping. After it was ascertained that it would be necessary to send bagged wheat and canned dairy goods these had to be acquired on the Australian market and shipping arranged. This has now been completed and the supplies are on their way.

No. 541 CANBERRA, October 14,1948.

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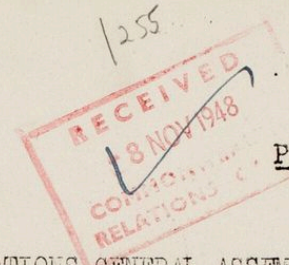

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4th November, 1948.

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Amman
Damascus
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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 298 of 4th November, repeated for information to British Middle East Office Cairo, Beirut, Amman, Damascus, and Jerusalem. (Foreign Office please pass as my telegrams Nos. 40,39,31, 22 and 40 respectively) and saving to New York.

Palestine Refugees.

A proposal was discussed between the Secretariat and representatives of Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and United States whereby United Nations would take over immediately 2,000 tons of wheat flour in Syria and 1,000 tons in Egypt for refugees in Palestine and Transjordan (not for those in Egypt, Syria or the Lebanon). These supplies would keep the 300,000 refugees in these areas going for about six weeks.

2. Suggestion was made that United States, Canada, Australia and United Kingdom might guarantee to replace this wheat flour in kind in equal proportions and to set this off against the contribution they might make under the Assembly Resolution. All agreed to refer back to their governments for urgent instructions; United States Delegation had already asked their Government to sanction the grant of 5,000 tons of flour and will await reply to their request first.

3. The country from which the United Kingdom's share would be shipped, if His Majesty's Government accepted this guarantee, would presumably be Australia in order to avoid a dollar commitment.

4. An urgent reply is requested.

[Repeated as requested].

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Mr Belcher rang up from Paris.

Arab Refugees & U.N. Children's Fund.

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1) Ref. para. 4 of Tel. No. 250 ASDEL of 30th Oct. to F.O.

Suggests that Mr Bevin should write to Mr Frazer N.Z.

2) This tel. was sent off without C.R.O. reps. at Paris seeing it.

3) As I gather there are many toes which may be trodden on in this matter, Mr Belcher urged that you should see the letter before it goes off.

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D. 1.23 am, 30th October, 1948.
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29th October, 1948.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 250 of 29th October, repeated for information saving to New York.

My telegram No. 228: Arab Refugees and U.N.I.C.E.F.

Executive Board of Children's Fund met yesterday and today.

United Kingdom led off by re-introducing the proposal to allocate six million dollars which had been defeated in Programme Committee by 8 votes to 2. After considerable debate and lobbying, joint United Kingdom/United States motion to allocate six million dollars was carried on a roll call by ten votes (Colombia, Ecuador, Greece, Iraq, New Zealand Norway, Sweden, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States) to nine (Australia, Byelo-Russia, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Ukraine, Switzerland, U.S.S.R., Yugosalvia) with six abstentions (Argentine, Brazil, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Peru).

2. Motion had been put as an amendment to the Programme Committee's proposal of two million in order that it might be voted on before a French compromise which would have gained a majority, and resolution as a whole allocating six million dollars was carried on a roll call by 12 votes to 9 with 4 abstentions.

3. Representatives of Iraq and Arab press expressed privately their appreciation of this immediate concrete help made available largely on United Kingdom initiative.

4. Canada and Australia continued to oppose us. Decisive vote was cast by New Zealand as a result of Mr. Bevin's personal appeal which reversed the attitude of New Zealand Delegation. We have thanked Mr. Fraser and Mr. Bevin may like to drop him a note.

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The Under Secretary of State
for Commonwealth Relations

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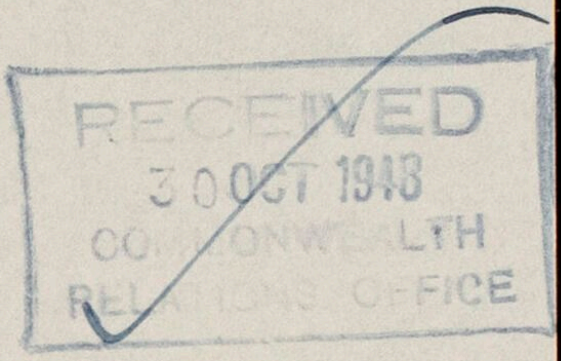

Foreign Office,

29th October, 1948.

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OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA,
CANADA HOUSE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

at THE DORCHESTER HOTEL,
LONDON, W.1.

October 19th, 1948.

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Dear Mr Bevin,

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 16th regarding the question of relief for the Arab refugees, resulting from the hostilities in Palestine. I shall be glad to discuss the points raised in your letter with the Secretary of State for External Affairs and other of my colleagues on my return to Ottawa.

Meanwhile, as you are probably aware, the question is receiving the attention of our delegation at the General Assembly in Paris, and I understand they have been in touch with the United Kingdom delegation. I understand too that the Canadian Red Cross Society has already been giving attention to the question.

Yours sincerely
Louis S. St. Laurent

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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NOTE

ARAB REFUGEES

On 20th October, in response to a request from the Assistant Private Secretary, Commonwealth Relations Office, the Foreign Office sent to C.R.O. copies of a letter of 16th October which had been addressed by Mr. Bevin to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers or representatives at the Prime Ministers' meeting on the question of assistance for Arab refugees. The C.R.O. have since received copies of a second letter of 20th October which Mr. Bevin sent to the Commonwealth representatives on the same subject. There was no prior consultation with C.R.O. about the contents of either of these two letters. and Ls 23

The letter of 20th October to Dr. Evatt has created some difficulty. In the third paragraph of this letter the statement is made, apparently as a result of a conversation between a member of the U.K. Delegation in Paris and one of his colleagues in the Australian Delegation, that "we now hear that the Australian and New Zealand representatives are ready to agree to 2½ million dollars, instead of the 5½ million dollars recommended by U.N.R.R.A. being used by the Children's Fund for the Arab Refugees". It appears that, on 21st October, the Australian representative concerned saw the C.R.O. representative on the U.K. Delegation, and said that he had been quoted to Dr. Evatt as above, whereas, in fact, any statement which he had made on the subject had been put as only a personal expression of opinion which was subject to the views of his Government and could in no way be taken as a definite commitment. He said that it had placed him in a most embarrassing position to find that these personal views, which he had expressed during the course of an informal conversation, had thus been quoted back to

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Dr. Evatt as some form of undertaking on his part.

It seems that there is nothing which can be done at this late date to clear up this particular incident but it does seem to underline the desirability of close liaison with the C.R.O. before action is taken by the Foreign Office in such matters.

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THE PRIVATE SECRETARY,

FOREIGN OFFICE.

QTO. FOR MR. CUMMING-BRUCE.

Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street.

October, 1948.

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Dear Private Secretary,

ARAB REFUGEES.

~~You will recall that~~ On 20th October, in response to a request from ~~East~~, ~~arrangements were made~~ the Asst P.S. to the C.R.O. to send ~~us~~ to C.R.O. copies of a letter of 16th October which had been addressed by Mr. Bevin to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers or representatives at the Prime Ministers' meeting on the question of assistance for Arab refugees. We have since received copies of a second letter of 20th October which Mr. Bevin sent to the Commonwealth representatives on the same subject as the contents of the letter of 16th October. There was no prior consultation with C.R.O. about the issue of these two letters. Unfortunately the ~~copy of this second~~ letter of 20th October ~~which was sent~~ to Dr. Evatt has created some difficulties. In the third paragraph of this letter the statement is made, apparently as a result of a conversation between a member of the U.K. Delegation in Paris and one of his colleagues in the Australian Delegation, that "we now hear that the Australian and New Zealand representatives are ready to agree to $2\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars, instead of the $5\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars recommended by U.N.R.R.A. being used by the Children's Fund for the Arab Refugees". It appears that, on 21st October, ~~a member of~~ the Australian representative concerned ~~Delegation in Paris~~ saw the C.R.O. representative on the U.K. Delegation, and said

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3. ~~In the present instance I think it is clearly a case of "least said soonest mended",~~ It seems that there is nothing which can be done at this late date to clear up this particular incident but it does seem to me but I feel sure that you will agree that such an incident is liable to jeopardise our efforts to secure close liaison and contact between the Commonwealth Delegations ~~in Paris. I think it only serves to~~ underline the desirability of ~~early~~ close liaison with the C.R.O. before action is taken by the F.O. in such matters, ~~especially when it is known~~ that they have already formed the subject of inter-Commonwealth consultation.

Tel No. 250 of 29th Oct giving the UK Delegn in Paris suggests that Mr Bevin should write to Mr Fraser about the N.Z. Delegn's recent ~~action~~ regrettable action in a vote taken by the Exec Bd of the Children's Fund. It is hoped that any draft letter is to be submitted for this purpose, it to Mr Bevin may be cleared with C.R.O. beforehand

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FROM UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PARIS (UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION) TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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October 23rd, 1948. R. 10.25 p.m. October 23rd, 1948.

Repeated to Washington and New York.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 220 dated October 23rd, repeated for information to Washington and New York.

(Foreign Office please pass to Washington and New York as my telegrams Nos. 837 and 67 respectively).

Your telegram No. 276 (Arab refugees).

Decision is definite, but we shall of course between now and October 29th press forward with extra-committee discussions to get agreement on course of action.

2. So far as Commonwealth Delegations are concerned, their present attitude as regards discussion in the Committee is reflection of their desire to have clear instructions from their Governments so that they can effectively participate in debate. This is certainly true of Canada, South Africa, India and Pakistan.

3. As regards Australia and New Zealand, the position is complicated by the fact that neither Delegation considers that the recommendation of the U.N.R.R.A. Central Committee was proper, either formally or in relation to the other commitments of U.N.I.C.E.F. They consider U.N.I.C.E.F. Board should itself decide what funds it can make available for Arab refugees since it alone has the United Nations mandate and can weigh the needs of these refugees against its other commitments. They also feel, and the South Africans agree with them on this, that if the General Assembly forced U.N.I.C.E.F. by Resolution to make the funds recommended by U.N.R.R.A. available on this occasion it would be a precedent for interference by the Assembly and the general support which the fund now enjoys would be to that extent undermined. As to the actual provision of funds by U.N.I.C.E.F., they wish it to make the largest contribution possible for Arab refugees consistent with maintaining a reasonable balance between the needs of these refugees and the other claimants on the Fund.

4. Parliamentary Private Secretary explained American attitude in letter of October 22nd to Parliamentary Secretary. The United States Delegation had not concerted their views and by the time decision had to be made they were uncompromisingly opposed to immediate discussion. Had the matter

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been pressed, American co-operation would have been lost and they informed us blatantly that their contribution might be endangered.

5. Your paragraph 5. We are satisfied Commonwealth countries are genuinely endeavouring obtain instructions. America, on the other hand, is obviously delaying doing so until after the elections. We are continuing to press for urgent action and can assure you your strong views are already well known and we shall continue to bring them forward at every opportunity.

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23rd October, 1948.

Note of meeting held at Offices of U.K. Delegation 57, Avenue d'Iéna, Paris on 19th October.

Not distributed to Commonwealth Representatives.

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A second Commonwealth meeting was held to discuss the question of Arab Refugees on October 19th, the Parliamentary Private Secretary being in the Chair. The following commonwealth representatives were present:-

Australia	Mr. Watt Mr. Heyward Mr. Shann
Canada	Col. Maybank Mr. Macdonnell
New Zealand	Dr. Sutch Miss Hampson
S. Africa	Mr. Jooste Mr. Hamilton

(Indian and Pakistani delegates had been invited but were unable to attend.)

Mr. Davies outlined the procedure which the United Kingdom Delegation proposed to adopt on Committee 3 in order to obtain consideration of the Palestine refugee problem.

Mr. Watt expressed strong doubts on the advisability of using the Children's Fund to meet the cost of this project without considering it in relation to the other problems of child welfare with which the Fund was faced. The Fund was the only item on which agreement between East and West Europe had been reached. The Australian delegation felt that the children's fund ought to do something substantial to help, but rather by way of continuing the present scale of relief than on the scale recommended by the UNRRA Central Committee. He would like the U.S., Commonwealth, Western Union and other governments in a position to contribute effectively to get together and decide what each could give.

Dr. Sutch agreed generally with the views of the Australian representative. He pointed out that the New Zealand delegation had a grievance in that they had previously asked, and failed to obtain, United Kingdom support for a proposal to have ICEF and UNAC discussed by Committee 3 before Human Rights. Now they were being asked to support United Kingdom proposal to have Palestine refugees moved up on the agenda. They would vote for a move to hear Dr. Bunche and Sir R. Cilento if they could be assured there was good support for this move, but they might try to bring up ICEF and UNAC as well.

Mr. Macdonnell said that his delegation would have no qualms about interrupting the Human Rights debate. Otherwise they were without instructions.

Mr. Jooste pointed out that since the last meeting, his government had made a contribution of £100,000 to UNICEF. This revived interest might lead to them being either before or against ICEF giving help to the Palestine refugees, he could not say which. But he hoped that, with a little delay, his government might be able to say how they could help.

/Mr. Davies

Mr. Davies explained the other possibilities of raising money, including an advance on the Working Capital Fund, that were in course of exploration and the state of agreement reached the United States and Western Union. He then thanked the Commonwealth representatives for giving us their views.

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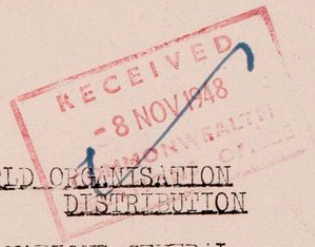

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Addressed to United Nations General Assembly Paris (United Kingdom Delegation) telegram No. 276 of 22nd October, repeated for information to Washington and Saving to New York (United Kingdom Delegation)

on 1244

Your telegram No. 203 [of 21st October: Arab refugees].

I am distressed to hear that it has not been possible to arrange for discussion of Arab refugees in Committee 3 before 29th October. Is this now a definite decision of the committee which cannot be altered?

2. I shall be glad of a clear explanation of the reasons for continued obstruction of Commonwealth representatives both as regards expediting discussion in Committee 3 and as regards the disposal of UNRRA funds by the Children's Fund.

3. Attitude of the Americans in pressing for postponement seems to be flatly contrary to the assurance in paragraph 6 of your telegram No. 180 [of 19th October] that delay in Committee 1 would not affect the treatment of Arab refugees in Committee 3 and that they were ready to join us in pressing for quick action on the basis of Cilento's report.

4. How is this discrepancy explained?

5. I am [illegible] that there may be some force in the argument that it is desirable for the major powers to be in a position to commit themselves to adequate contributions by the time any resolution calling for such contributions is passed, but I am not convinced from the attitude hitherto adopted by the United States and Commonwealth delegations that they are making a real effort to obtain authority to give any such undertakings or that they are seriously grappling with the problem at all. I shall be glad if my views may be expressed in strong terms to these delegations at every opportunity. I feel we are in danger of letting this whole Palestine question slip owing simply to lack of determination to grapple with it in time.

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Mr. Scott /10/48.

Commonwealth Relations Office,

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Downing Street.

22nd October, 1948.

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My dear Belcher,

Here is the copy of the Foreign Secretary's letter: it was addressed to the representatives of the four senior Dominions only. The passage in square brackets A to B was included only in the copies addressed to Dr. Evatt and Mr. Fraser.

I also enclose a copy of the earlier letter, which you should in any case have got by now. It was addressed to all seven representatives at the Prime Ministers' meeting.

Yours ever,

(Sgd.) D.A. SCOTT

(D.A. Scott

R.H. BELCHER, ESQ.
UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION,
PARIS.

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Foreign Office,

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20th October, 1948.

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The immediate objectives seem to be that we should reach agreement to press both in the Children's Fund meeting and in Committee 3 for the immediate use of all possible funds to strengthen the Disaster Relief Organisation. We strongly support the idea that 5½ million dollars out of the money transferred to the Children's Fund by UNRRA should be used for the Arab refugees, as recommended by UNRRA. So far as Committee 3 is concerned, we hope that as many governments as possible will support a resolution which we have drafted and circulated in Paris calling for the strengthening of the Disaster Relief Organisation and for contributions from states members of the United Nations. We very much hope that Commonwealth Governments will sympathetically consider the idea of announcing in the Committee that they will make their contributions available at once so as to give a lead to other governments to provide the organisation with funds and supplies which it desperately needs.

In view of the urgency of reaching agreement in Paris, I hope you would be able to see your way to send instructions to your representatives there to co-operate with the United Kingdom representatives in pressing for the adoption of arrangements on the above lines. [There is

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The Right Honourable
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Peter Fraser, C.H.

still an important point outstanding between the United Kingdom and Australian and New Zealand representatives in Paris about the use of the UNRRA money transferred to the Children's Fund which I have mentioned above. We now hear that the Australian and New Zealand representatives are ready to agree to 2½ million dollars instead of the 5½ million dollars recommended by UNRRA being used by the Children's Fund for the Arab refugees. I fully appreciate the desire of these representatives that the Children's Fund should not be used for political purposes and that its other functions and responsibilities must be respected, but I feel sure that on consideration you will agree that this question of the Arab refugees faces us all with such an immediate and overwhelming necessity to help by all possible means that there should be no holding back and that the UNRRA recommendation should be accepted in full. JB

We have talked a good deal here about the Middle East and I think we all agree on its importance. There are many grave difficulties facing us there over Palestine and other subjects. This matter of the Arab refugees is one in which we can, at comparatively small expense to ourselves, make a really worth while contribution to the solving of a great human problem which is beyond local resources. This is the best way we can show the peoples of that area that they are not forgotten by the rest of the world and that there is some value in international co-operation.

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E. Bevin.

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Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street.

21st October, 1948.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Belcher,

As I promised last night on the telephone I enclose six copies of the letter from the Foreign Secretary to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers on the subject of Arab refugees. The last paragraph was only included in the copies sent to Dr. Evatt, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Louw.

Yours ever,

(D.A. Scott)

R.H. BELCHER, ESQ.

UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION,

PARIS.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

20th October, 1948.

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Herewith a copy, as requested, of the letter addressed to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers. The last paragraph was only included in the copy sent to those of Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

Ian D. Kirkell.

K.A. East, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
Commonwealth Relations
Office.

6 cc - 1255 - Box 15
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16th October, 1948.

Dear

Now that the General Assembly is getting to grips with the really terrible Arab refugee problem created by the hostilities in Palestine, I should like to let you know how our minds are working here, in the hope that the Commonwealth will be able to take an agreed line when the matter comes up for discussion.

I am convinced that if we are to prevent a great tragedy, involving the deaths during the coming winter of thousands of innocent people, we must act without delay. We must not only establish really good and practical administrative arrangements for providing immediate relief but collect money from every available source to finance it.

As you may know, we have been discussing with the rest of the Commonwealth and the United States in Paris a draft resolution calling upon the Secretary-General to strengthen the Disaster Relief Organisation he has set up under Sir Raphael Cilento, making it primarily responsible for co-ordinating relief work in Palestine, and urging Member States to support it financially/

Slip

e Rt. Hon. H. V. Evatt, K.C.,
~~Grosvenor House,~~
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Pandit J. Nehru
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liberally in cash or kind. Should the Assembly adopt something on these lines, I know we can count on the generous response of your Government, but I am equally certain that we have got to tap indirect sources as well if we are going to raise the $20 M. to $30 M. estimated as necessary to provide immediate food, clothing and shelter.

The International Children's Emergency Fund, who have given very valuable assistance already, are perhaps in the best position to give further help without delay, and we are pressing them to find out what they can from their potentially large resources. We are also hoping that the Assembly might sanction a contribution of $6 M. or $7 M. from the United Nations Working Capital Fund.

Even if all these projects succeed, I am afraid we shall still only be able to avert the immediate disaster threatened by the coming winter. This is, I am sure, a question of the utmost urgency, and that is why I am appealing to you now to give us all the support you can.

[Yours sincerely]

in [When your representatives in Paris had some preliminary talks with ours I understand that they expressed doubts as to the constitutional propriety of calling upon the International Children's Emergency Fund for further large advances. Whatever validity there may be in these objections, I do feel convinced that they are swamped by the sheer urgency of the matter, which

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is no longer one of politics, but of common humanity. I hope therefore that you will feel able to ask your delegation to give the idea sympathetic consideration. It is, of course, urgently desirable to secure a decision about the International Children's Emergency Fund within the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

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FROM: U.K.HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA

D.14th Oct., 1948 9.15 p.m.
R.15th " " 5.30 a.m.

No. 915 CONFIDENTIAL

(3)

Your telegrams 3rd September Z.No.156 and 1st October No.954. (12)

Arab Refugees

At time of receipt of earlier message Canadian Government had already received appeal from Mediator for 1,200 tons of wheat, 50 tons of egg powder and 50 tons of cheese, the total quantity amounting to about $ 375,000 in value. Cabinet decided that Government funds could not be made available for this and referred appeal to Canadian Red Cross. Consideration of this question by Red Cross was delayed because delegates were at Stockholm meeting but Canadian Red Cross Council has now met and is understood to favour allocation of some dollars 25,000 for purchase of some of foodstuffs needed. In addition Canadian Government have told Canadian Red Cross that they are prepared to make available quantities of dried apple and dried fish which they believe would be acceptable in Palestine.

2. Final decision by Canadian Red Cross Council on question of allocating funds was still awaited here when Canadian Government learnt from their delegation in Paris of United Kingdom proposal to put forward a resolution asking United Nations members to contribute relief for Palestine in proportion to their contributions to United Nations. Canadian authorities are now taking matter more seriously than when it was merely an appeal from Mediator's organisation and are considering whether to

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authorise Canadian delegation to support proposed resolution. If so, question of allocation of Government funds will be reconsidered. In meantime, question of allocating a limited amount from Red Cross funds is still being pursued.

3. As regards publicity, if and when Red Cross scheme is approved Canadian authorities foresee issue of joint communique by Canadian Government and Red Cross. Question of publicity here will however presumably be less important if resolution is put forward by United Kingdom and is supported by Canada.

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12th October, 1948.

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Commonwealth Meeting on Arab Refugees.

The following Commonwealth representatives were present:-

Mr. Maybank Mr. Macdonnell	Canada
Mr. Hood Mr. Heyward	Australia
Dr. Sutch	New Zealand
Mr. Andrews Mr. Jooste Mr. Hamilton	South Africa
Mrs. Menon	India
Col. Abdur Rahim Khan	Pakistan

A meeting was held at the U.K. Delegation Offices on October 11th with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Chair.

2. Mr. Mayhew explained the position in regard to the Arab refugees mentioning the valuable contributions already given to the Disaster Relief Organisation by Commonwealth Countries and gave an account of conversations that had taken place so far with Mr. Bunche, the Secretariat and the U.S. Delegation. He explained that H.M.G. in the U.K. were anxious to have the problem of Arab refugees taken up in Committee III as soon as it was possible for the Secretary-General to give a clear statement of what was wanted. We should then be prepared, if the other Commonwealth Delegations agreed, to have the work of Committee three interrupted and table a resolution; and a draft was circulated indicating the lines which such a resolution might take. He added that we were hoping for a meeting of the Programme Committee and Executive Board of the I.C.E.F. in the first week of November.

3. The representative of India asked whether we could avoid raising the political issues involved in the Palestine question at the same time as the refugees and was told that we hoped to avoid them. There seemed to be general agreement that the question of repatriation of the refugees should be regarded as a political issue and that the issue placed before Committee III should be simply the humanitarian problem of relief.

4. The discussion then centred round sub-paragraph (d) of the draft resolution (ref. our telegram No.125 of October 12th) covering the recommendation of the I.C.E.F. to accept the suggestion communicated by the Central Board of UNRRA to the effect that 50% of the residual balance of UNRRA made over to I.C.E.F. should be devoted to the Palestine refugees. The New Zealand and Australian representatives raised a strong objection both to the inclusion of such a recommendation in an Assembly resolution and to the implementation of the UNRRA Central Board's recommendation by I.C.E.F. Dr. Sutch pointed out that his Government had opposed the granting of these funds by I.C.E.F. to Germany and to South American countries because the children of those countries were not, strictly speaking, covered by Assembly Resolution 57(1) which governs the expenditure of funds by I.C.E.F.; he thought that giving money from the funds to Arab refugees was equally out of order and he had only agreed to the emergency programme voted in August on condition that it would not serve as a precedent.

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5. The Australian representative feared that the inclusion of such a paragraph directing the I.C.E.F. to allot money to a specific country might raise in Committee III the whole question of the future of I.C.E.F. This would involve a debate of great length. If the resolution were put through, his Government might have to reconsider their whole attitude to I.C.E.F. The South African representative took a similar line and said that his Government might be reluctant to give money for children in Palestine, whereas they had hitherto supported I.C.E.F. as a non-political humanitarian body. They all agreed, however, to consult their Governments. India and Pakistan on the other hand were very keen that the funds of I.C.E.F. might be used for this purpose and Mrs. Menon went so far as to suggest that Governments might consider renouncing the allocation they were expecting for their children out of the 1949 budget of the fund, if there were great difficulty in I.C.E.F. meeting its commitments.

6. The New Zealand representative raised two further technical objections:

(a) That I.C.E.F. Board would require agreements to be signed acknowledging that the Arab States on whose territories the refugees were situated would make their contribution to the upkeep of the refugees and

(b) That it was not the policy of I.C.E.F. to supply wheat or other cereals which constituted the main food item needed for the refugees' sustenance.

On point (a) he was told that we hoped the report of the Secretariat would contain an account of the considerable sums of money already being spent by the Arab Governments, and on (b) that there were other commodities, such as powdered milk, oils and fats and blankets, on which a contribution to the children's fund could be spent.

7. The New Zealand representative added that, although it was important to obtain a detailed report quickly, any indecent haste in trying to push through a resolution in Committee III might react adversely. He considered that it would take at least a week for Delegations to consult between hearing the report and discussing the position. There was considerable support for this point of view.

8. The Commonwealth Delegations expressed general sympathy and said they would consult their Governments when they knew exactly what was wanted and try to find out what contributions they would be likely to make. It was generally suggested that those who could afford it might make a contribution of rather greater value than would be the case if the resolution asked only for contributions in proportion to the share of States Members in the funds of U.N.O. Apart from U.K. Delegation everybody was ready to amend sub-paragraph (c) of the draft resolution accordingly.

9. The Canadian representative asked what other sources could be tapped and was told that we had a slight hope of a small contribution from a special emergency fund at the disposal of the Secretary-General and that voluntary organisations had already been interested; but these sources could in fact provide little.

The Pakistan representative suggested - and everybody agreed - that the Commonwealth Delegations should meet as soon as possible after receiving the report.

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FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

D. 9th Oct., 1948, 12.35 p.m.
R. 9th Oct., 1948, 4.40 p.m.

No. 359

(14)

Your telegram No. 349 of 1st October. Arab Refugees.

Union contribution to Mediator's Relief Organisation, viz. 50 tons of canned meat, was given publicity in Cape Argus and Johannesburg Star on 21st August.

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Foreign Office Mr. B.A.B. Burrows

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TELEGRAM

from

UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW ZEALAND.

(Received 8.58 p.m., 7th October, 1948.)

No. 444. 7th October. Your telegram No. 360 of 1st October*. Arab Refugees. Following announcement has appeared in Press:—

Begins.—New Zealand is answering an appeal on behalf of 330,000 Arab and 7,000 Jewish refugees in Palestine made to Government by Count Bernadotte United Nations Mediator shortly before his assassination. The Prime Minister Mr. Fraser in announcing this said the Dairy Products Marketing Commission would allocate 50 tons of butter and Amalgamated Dairies Limited would arrange to supply 25 tons of milk powder. The cost of both and all expenses of delivery to Middle East would be met by the Government. It was possible New Zealand might be able to provide other necessary supplies for relief of refugees and investigations were proceeding.—*Ends.*

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TELEGRAM

to

1. UNITED KINGDOM ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRALIA.
2. UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(Sent 7.45 p.m., 1st October, 1948.)

No. [581.] [349.] Confidential. Your telegram [No. 582 of 6th September*.] [No. 324 of 13th September†.] Arab Refugees. We feel that it would be very helpful if publicity could be given to Commonwealth contributions to Mediator's Relief Organization, since the greater evidence there is of the response from members of United Nations to Mediator's appeal for Arab refugees, the more likely it is that counsels of moderation among Arab leaders will ultimately prevail.

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* No. F. 2781/255. † No. F. 2781/255.

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TO: ACTING U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

(Sent 7.45 p.m. 1st Oct., 1948.)

No. 581 CONFIDENTIAL
No. 349 "

Your telegram 6th September No. 582. (6)
13th September No. 324. (9)

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FO (Mr Burrows) concurs.

C.R.O. Mr. Scott. Mr. Walker 1/10/48

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L. S. Gradwell

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Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

3 DRAFTS TELEGRAM TYPEX

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Canberra No 581
~~Capetown~~ PRETORIA No 347

Your telegram 6th of September
13th of September
No.582.
No.324.

Arab Refugees.

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TELEGRAM

to

UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW ZEALAND.

(Sent 7.50 p.m., 1st October, 1948.)

[*Answered by No. F. 2781/255.*]

No. 360. Confidential. Your telegram No. 396 of 8th September*. Arab Refugees. We feel that it would be very helpful if publicity could be given to Commonwealth contributions to Mediator's Relief Organization, since the greater evidence there is of the response from members of United Nations to Mediator's appeal for Arab refugees the more likely it is that counsels of moderation among Arab leaders will ultimately prevail.

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TO: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW ZEALAND

(Sent 7.50 p.m. 1st Oct., 1948.)

No. 360 CONFIDENTIAL.

Your telegram 8th September No. 396. (7)

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C.R.O. Mr. Scott
Mr. Walker 1/10/48

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Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

3 DRAFT. S TELEGRAM
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No 360 Confidential

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Your telegram 8th September

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TELEGRAM

to

UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA.

(Sent 7.55 p.m., 1st October, 1948.)

No. 954. Confidential. My telegram Z. No. 156 of 3rd September*. Arab Refugees. We feel that it would be very helpful if publicity could be given to Commonwealth contributions to Mediator's Relief Organization, since the greater evidence there is of the response from members of United Nations to Mediator's appeal for Arab refugees the more likely it is that counsels of moderation among Arab leaders will ultimately prevail.

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TO: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA

(Sent 7.55 p.m. 1st Oct., 1948.)

No. 954 CONFIDENTIAL.

My telegram 3rd of September Z. No. 156. (3)

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Mr. Walker 1/10/48

(File No F 2781/255)

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No 954 Confidential

My telegram 3rd of September

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TO: CANADA (GOVT.)
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SOUTH AFRICA "
INDIA "
PAKISTAN "
CEYLON "

(Sent 16th Sept., 1948)

H. No. 236 SAVING CONFIDENTIAL

My telegram 1st August H. No. 330.

ARAB REFUGEES FROM PALESTINE.

1. Following is appreciation of condition of Arab refugees from Palestine, which has been prepared by British Middle East Office.

(1) Total numbers involved are probably not less than 300,000 nor more than 500,000. Of these some 70,000 in Syria, 50,000 in the Lebanon, 10,000 in Egypt and 20,000 in Iraq are more or less adequately under control and have a sufficiency of food, cover of sorts and a certain amount of medical attention. An unknown number, stated to be more than 60,000, in Egyptian-occupied areas of Palestine, are, if the state of those in Egypt is any test, probably fairly well looked after; but they are said to be in need of tents and, like all the rest, are certain to be in need of clothing and blankets, especially in view of the approach of winter. The black spot is Eastern Palestine. In this area there are tens of thousands without cover of any sort, living on famine rations, in some cases as little as half a pound of bread or less a day and such fruit as they can procure. Others are crowded into houses, a family to a room, in conditions which could hardly fail to produce devastating results should any epidemic break out. Although the local authorities are doing what they can, the problem is too great to admit of solution by their unaided efforts.

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(2) Even in the countries where the situation is to some extent in hand, the resources of the local authorities are fast being exhausted. There are probably in all at least 300,000 who have to be fed and will have to be fed for many months. For the supply of bread alone at half a kilo per day, a starvation ration, 150 tons a month will have to be provided.

(3) Arab Governments and charitable societies such as the Red Crescent are making praiseworthy efforts to deal with the problem, but B.M.E.O. are convinced that outside help is urgently needed if a disaster is to be avoided. They state that food, clothing, medical stores and funds are required immediately and that there is great need for trained helpers, possibly in the form of small units who can administer the relief and take charge of groups of refugees. Unless a great effort is made within the next two months, famine and epidemics are likely to resolve the problem next Spring.

(4) In this connection is has been agreed with the Mediator that Sir Raphael Cilento (Director of Social Activities Division of U.N. Secretariat) will be responsible for administering all aid from sources outside Arab countries, while an Arab League Committee will administer that coming from Arab sources. Each body will maintain a Liaison Officer with the other to avoid overlapping or clashing.

(5) Another equally important question is the ultimate disposal of the refugees. It is unlikely that more than a few will be able to return to their homes, though it is understood that the Iraqi Government, for example, is considering settling on the land those refugees who have reached Iraq.

2. Security Council as a whole has taken no action on the matter since early August (my telegram 14th August H. No. 349, paragraph 6). A number of individual Governments have responded to Mediator's appeal to furnish assistance for these unfortunate people. We are still considering the whole question with a view to deciding what further action, if any, we can take.

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TELEGRAM

from

UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(Received 3.0 p.m., 13th September, 1948.)

[*Answered by No. F. 2781/255.*]

No. 324. Confidential. 13th September. Your telegram Z. No. 156 of 3rd September*. Arab Refugees from Palestine. Union Government recently had an appeal from Count Bernadotte for 500 tons of wheat and 50 tons of canned meat which, he said, would be applied to the relief of both Arabs and Jews in Palestine. He also indicated that similar appeals for assistance were being addressed to other countries.

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FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

D. 13th September, 1948. 2.03 p.m.

R. 13th September, 1948. 3.0 p.m.

No. 324. CONFIDENTIAL (3)

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TELEGRAM

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UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW ZEALAND.

(Received 9.25 a.m., 8th September, 1948.)

[*Answered by No. F. 2781/255.*]

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FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW ZEALAND

D. 8th Sept., 1948. 5.43 p.m.
R. 8th " " 9.25 a.m.

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F. 2781/255. No. PROOF.

TELEGRAM

from

UNITED KINGDOM ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRALIA.

(Received 9.20 a.m., 6th September, 1948.)

[*Answered by No. F. 2781/255.*]

No. 582. Confidential. 6th September. Your telegram No. 535 of 3rd September*. Arab Refugees. Australian authorities confirm that Australian Government have promised Mediator to supply 1,000 tons wheat, 50 tons butter, and 50 tons cheese. These are quantities requested by Mediator in his circular of 16th August.

2. In circumstances I have taken no action in your telegram Z. No. 156 of 3rd September†.

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* No. F. 2781/255. † No. F. 2781/255.

Foreign Affairs—(C.25096/79). 18.

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

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FROM: ACTING U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

D. Canberra 5.00 p.m. 6th September, 1948
R. 9.20 a.m. " " "

IMMEDIATE

No. 582 CONFIDENTIAL

Your telegram 3rd September 535.

ARAB REFUGEES

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Foreign Office Mr. B.A.B. Burrows

F. 2781/255. No. PROOF.

TELEGRAM

to

UNITED KINGDOM ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRALIA.

(Sent 8.45 p.m., 3rd September, 1948.)

[*Answered by No. F. 2781/255.*]

No. 535. Confidential. My telegram Z. No. 156 of to-day*. Arab Refugees. We have just heard confidentially from I.C.E.F. authorities, New York, that Australian Government have offered to supply unspecified quantity of wheat for relief of Palestine refugees.

2. We should be glad to receive any information available regarding Australian gift especially as regards quantity offered. If New York report is correct it would of course be unnecessary for you to make approach suggested in paragraph 4 of my telegram under reference.

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

FOREIGN AFFAIRS & U.N. DEPT.
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CYPHER (TYPEX)

D.II 4.9

TO: Acting U.K. High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia

(Sent 8.45 p.m. 3rd Sept., 1948)

IMMEDIATE
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Mr. Scott 3.9

Mr. Curson 3.9 at once.

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Sir Charles Dixon

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Secretary of State ~~Important~~

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No. 535 Confidential

My tel 16 day Z No. 156

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~~together with~~ quantity offered.

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~~If offer is confirmed you~~

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~~should not (repeat not)~~ make

approach

~~take suggestion~~ suggested in

para. 4 of my tel under reference

F. 2781/255. No. PROOF.

TELEGRAM

to

UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER IN { 1. CANADA. 2. AUSTRALIA. 3. NEW ZEALAND. 4. SOUTH AFRICA.

(Sent 2.5 p.m., 3rd September, 1948.)

[*Answered by 2, 3 and 4, Nos. F. 2781/255.*]

Z. No. 156. Confidential. Arab Refugees from Palestine. My telegram H. No. 330 of 1st August*. As you are aware we are most concerned with problem of Arab refugees who have fled or been driven from their homes in Palestine as result of establishment of Jewish authority in ports of that country. Number of these refugees now exceeds total number of displaced Jews in Europe. They constitute a problem beyond resources of Arab Governments and we have therefore taken initiative in enlisting international support to deal with this emergency. We have already, as you will have seen from Press, made an intial contribution of £100,000 for this purpose.

2. Apart from our desire to make a practical contribution to this grave human problem, we hope, by demonstrating in this way our sympathy for Arab peoples, to counteract some of the disillusionment and consequent ill-feeling towards ourselves and Western world generally which has arisen in Arab countries as a consequence of recent events in Palestine. This in turn may contribute to peaceful settlement in that country.

3. Organization of relief for Palestine refugees is in hands of Sir Raphael Cilento, acting under supervision of Mediator. Sir Raphael, who passed through London on his way to Middle East, informed us that preliminary survey showed that food would probably be more difficult to obtain than medical and other necessary supplies. We understand that direct appeal for assistance has already been made to a number of Governments by either Mediator or Secretary-General of United Nations.

4. If you see no objection, please approach Dominion authorities informally, explaining our interest in this question on lines of paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and endeavour to ascertain whether they are taking any action on the appeal which you believe them to have received from United Nations.

5. In this connexion you could perhaps mention that it has occurred to us that there may exist in Commonwealth countries small local surpluses of foodstuffs which Governments concerned might be willing to contribute as free gift to Mediator's relief organization.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS & U.N. DEPT.
F.2781/~~252~~ 255
CYPHER (TYPEX)

D.II 4.9

TO: U.K. High Commissioner in Canada
Acting U.K. High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia
U.K. High Commissioner in New Zealand
U.K. High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa

(Sent 2.05 p.m. 3rd Sept., 1948)

Z. No. 156 CONFIDENTIAL

ARAB REFUGEES FROM PALESTINE.

My telegram 1st August H. No. 330. (31)

1. As you are aware we are most concerned with problem of Arab refugees who have fled or been driven from their homes in Palestine as result of establishment of Jewish authority in ports of that country. Number of these refugees now exceeds total number of displaced Jews in Europe. They constitute a problem beyond resources of Arab Governments and we have therefore taken initiative in enlisting international support to deal with this emergency. We have already, as you will have seen from press, made an initial contribution of £100,000 for this purpose.

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4. If you see no objection, please approach Dominion authorities informally, explaining our interest in this question on lines of paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and endeavour to ascertain whether they are taking any action on the appeal which you believe them to have received from United Nations.

5. In this connexion you could perhaps mention that it has occurred to us that there may exist in Commonwealth countries small local surpluses of foodstuffs which Governments concerned might be willing to contribute as free gift to Mediator's relief organisation.

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Foreign Office Mr. B.A.B. Burrows

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[Supply Depts (Mr Smith) concern]

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Mr. Scott 3/9/48.

Mr. Curson

NEP 3.9 at once.

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Secretary of State.

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UKREP CANBERRA
UKREP WELLINGTON
UKREP CAPETOWN.

Z. NO.156 CONFIDENTIAL.

ARAB REFUGEES FROM PALESTINE.

My tel. 1st August H. No.330.

1. As you are aware we are most concerned with ~~the~~ problem of ~~the~~ Arab refugees who have fled or been driven from their homes in Palestine as result of ~~extension of~~ establishment of Jewish authority in parts of that country. ~~Number~~ Number of these refugees now exceeds total number of displaced Jews in Europe. They constitute a problem beyond resources of Arab Governments and we have therefore taken initiative in enlisting international support to deal with this emergency. We have already, as you will doubtless have seen from press, ~~know~~ made an initial contribution of £100,000 for this purpose.

2. Apart from our desire to make a practical contribution to this grave human problem, we hope, by demonstrating in this way our sympathy for Arab peoples, to counteract some of the disillusionment and consequent ill-feeling towards ourselves and Western world generally which has arisen in Arab countries as a consequence of recent events in Palestine. This in turn may contribute to peaceful settlement in that country.

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Mr. B.A.B. Burrows.

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We understand....

5. It has occurred to us that there may exist in Commonwealth countries small surpluses of foodstuffs which ~~their Government~~ might be willing to contribute as free gift to Mediator's relief organisation.

We understand that direct appeal for assistance has already been made to a number of Governments by either Mediator or Secretary-General of United Nations.

4. If you see no objection, ~~however,~~ please approach Dominion ~~Government~~ informally, explaining our interest in this question on lines of paragraphs 1 and 2 above, ~~asking them whether they intend to make any response to~~ and endeavour to ascertain whether they are taking any action on the appeal which you believe them to have received from United Nations. ~~If you think it appropriate, making suggestion contained in paragraph 3 above.~~

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FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From United Kingdom Delegation to United Nations)

No. 2260. D: 12.58.p.m. September 2nd, 1948.
September 2nd, 1948. R: 6.26.p.m. September 2nd, 1948.

Repeated Saving to UKDEL Geneva and Washington.

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Addressed Foreign Office telegram No. 2260 of 2nd September, repeated for information Saving to United Kingdom Delegation Geneva and Washington. -1244

Your telegram No. 1005 to Geneva. I.C.E.F. and Palestine refugees.

We understand from I.C.E.F. authorities here that the Australian Government have offered to supply wheat (quantity as yet unknown) and that certain oil companies will contribute two hundred thousand dollars with the possibility of other oil companies coming in later.

2. We have been asked to treat this information as confidential for the time being. The I.C.E.F. here, however, expect that it will be made public in a few days by their Geneva headquarters.

3. In addition we learn that a purely United States relief committee is being formed in New York representing various voluntary relief agencies and the oil industry.

4. The Fund have promised to keep us informed of developments.

Please repeat to Geneva as my telegram No. 7 Saving.

[Repeated Saving to United Kingdom Delegation, Geneva].

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
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2nd September, 1948.

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Dear Scott,

With reference to our telephone conversation of a couple of days ago, I enclose a tentative draft of a telegram which might be sent to the U.K. High Commissioners in the four older Dominions about the possibility of assistance from these Dominions to the Arab refugees.

We have no material here on which we can give a more detailed list of requirements and it would take some considerable time to obtain this. Subject to your views, we think it better that the message should go off now in roughly its present form rather than incur this delay. The fact is that the position of some of the refugees is so bad that any conceivable kind of food-stufs would be most valuable.

Yours sincerely,

B A B Burrows

D.A. Scott, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

Arab Refugees from Palestine.

Draft Telegram to United Kingdom High Commissioners in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

You will be aware of the interest taken by H.M.G. in the U.K. in the problem of the Arab refugees who have fled or been driven from their homes in Palestine as a result of the establishment of Jewish authority in parts of that country. The number of these Palestinian Arabs now exceeds the total number of displaced Jews in Europe. They constitute a problem beyond the resources of the Arab Governments, and the U.K. Government have therefore taken the initiative in enlisting international support in dealing with this emergency. We are, as you know, making an initial contribution of £100,000 for this purpose.

2. Apart from their desire to make a practical contribution to a grave human problem, H.M.G. in the U.K. hope by demonstrating in this way the maintenance of their sympathy for the Arab peoples to counteract some of the ill-feeling towards themselves and towards the Western world generally which has arisen in the Arab countries as a consequence of recent events in Palestine. This in turn may contribute to a peaceful settlement in that country.

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4. We understand that a direct appeal for assistance has been made to the Commonwealth Governments, as well as to a number of other governments, either by the Mediator or by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

5. ~~If you see no objection,~~ please approach the Government to which you are accredited, explaining our interest in this question on the lines of my paragraphs 1 and 2 above, asking them whether they are making any response to the appeal which you believe them to have received from the United Nations, and if you think it appropriate, making the suggestion contained in my ~~immediately preceding~~ paragraph 3 above.

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